

## Libraries respond to council's request for improvement options

### Fashion brunch

The Virginia Beach Christian Women's Club West will hold a "Hearts Desire" fashion brunch on Monday, Feb. 16 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Grand Affairs, 2036 East Pleasure House Rd. "Fashions For Your Heart's Desire" will be presented by Tiffany's for the romantic at heart. The dynamic voice of Temple Brown will keep "Hearts In Tune" with music to fill your heart. A former entertainer from Greer, S.C., Brown will also share some "Loving Thoughts." Cost is \$8.75 inclusive with complimentary nursery for infants to age 5. Brunch and nursery reservations are necessary. Call Lori, 721-4156, or Virginia, 424-8112, for reservations by Feb. 12.

### 54-40 Quilts

The 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild will display their handwork in a special exhibit at the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens from Saturday, Feb. 14 through Friday, March 6. The exhibit will contain contemporary quilts and quilted items using traditional patterns. Several quilts from the Underground Railroad Series will be featured.

In conjunction, the guild will conduct a quilting workshop for the novice quilter. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost of the workshop is \$2 per person and includes supplies. Reservations are required and children must be accompanied by an adult. A tour of the quilt exhibit and the Francis Land House is also included. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

### Show opens

The Actors' Theatre will present "Shirley Valentine," a comedy by Willy Russell. This joyful, captivating piece of theatre tells the story of a middle-class English housewife/heroine who leaves her husband to join a girlfriend on holiday in Greece. The plot becomes adventurous and hilarious when she meets a Greek fisherman and decides to stay. Carin Cowell gives a tour-de-force performance in this moving, cheer-raising piece of theatre. Show dates are Feb. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1.

All performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are general admission (\$12), senior, military, student (\$10), children 12 and under (\$5). The Actors' Theatre is located inside Pembroke Mall next door to Dillard's. For reservations and information call the Actors' Theatre box office, 557-0397.

### Pageant open

Applications are now available for the Miss Hampton Roads Scholarship Pageant on April 5. Call Polly Pearce, 499-5567, for information concerning the pageant and to receive application. Girls aged 17 to 24 may apply.

### Orchestra benefit

A "Fantasy Cruise" luncheon and fashion show benefiting the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra will be held in the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, 36th and Atlantic, on March 11 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are a \$25 donation and may be purchased from any member of the VBSO League or by calling the league office, 671-8611.

### Helping hands

Parent Connection, a parenting support group, needs several volunteers to become weekly child care workers for its programs in Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. Volunteers will be responsible for activities with the children of our Parent Connection participants. Hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., one evening a week. Call Chris House, 622-9622, ext. 19.

### Reside With Pride

Reside With Pride, a volunteer organization which started in 1992, is seeking homes in need of minor structural repairs, cosmetic repairs and/or minor yard clean-up. Reside With Pride can provide necessary materials and work. However, homeowners are encouraged to be as involved as possible and may contribute materials or assistance. To receive an application, call 563-1000. Applications must be completed and returned no later than March 10.

### First Citizen

The Virginia Beach Jaycees are seeking nominations from the community for the annual First Citizen of Virginia Beach Award. The honor will be presented to a Virginia Beach resident over the age of 39 who has made great contributions to his or her community and career. Nominations should be sent to: Arlene Sonson-PCA, 1341 Thamesford Dr., Virginia Beach, VA, 23464. Nomination deadline is Feb. 13. For more information or to obtain a nomination packet, contact Sonson, 499-8822 or 495-3227.

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Library officials, who on April 29 first presented a building plan that would take the city's libraries into the 21st century, returned this week with modified proposals for the next six years that involve a cumulative real estate real estate tax increase of 5.1 percent.

Although the building plan would expand library facilities from 152,146 square feet to 247,800 square feet at an estimated cost of \$37.7 million, library director Marcie Simms told City Council at a work session Tuesday that the city would still leave Virginia Beach 10,200 square feet deficient in library space

### Costs range from no tax to 5.1 cents

standards established by the state, which call for 6 square feet per capita.

The original proposal of April 29 required a tax increase for funding ranging from 1.8 cents to 6.9 cents. The library board had asked council to schedule a referendum for last year. But council, faced with an expected referendum request from the School Board, delayed the library proposal until both the library and school needs could be studied together.

A school building referendum is being planned for this year.

E.Dean Block, director of management

and budget, said that he had received a request from the school system for a \$132.7 million referendum. He said this would translate into a tax increase of 41/4 to 4 3/4 cents.

In presenting proposals this week, library officials were responding to an ordinance passed by City Council on Sept. 2 requesting the city manager to review the scope of the proposals, modify the proposals to ensure their fiscal feasibility and to present a plan to City Council within 90 days for the initiation of the design of selected

renovations and the preliminary design for a library in the General Booth Corridor.

The latest plan also responds to council instructions in the ordinance to collaborate with the school system to share facilities. The new plan also addresses this directive.

The first option requires no increases in the tax rate. Three additional options offer a sequential plan of improvements requiring varying increases in the tax rate.

The first option includes an innovative plan where the Pungo-Blackwater Library would be included in the Creeds School

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## Council reiterates bid for F/A 18s

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Bucking opposition from residents fearful of additional noise from more planes, City Council has reiterated its support for the relocation of 180 F/A 18s from Cecil Field, Fla. to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

Residents in the area of the city that would be impacted by the noise from Oceana have asked for more information on how they would be affected.

Councilwoman Reba McClan said that she had a phone call before Christmas from a resident who was concerned and said that if she had known they would be in the way of a fight pattern, she would not have purchased her house. McClan said that the city has not addressed sufficiently the issue of how the citizens would be affected.



McClan

Residents in Chesapeake who live in the area of the Naval Air Station in Fentress also have come out against more planes in the area. The planes practice landings and take-offs in Fentress.

In a resolution adopted unanimously by council Tuesday, the city requests the Department of Defense to carry out the recommendations of the 1995 Base

Realignment and Closure Commission that Cecil Field in Florida be closed and the 180 F/A-18 aircraft currently stationed there be relocated to other East Coast Naval and Marine Corps installations. Council also reaffirms its support for the relocation of the planes to Ocean and urges the Department of the Navy to recommend, in its final environmental impact statement, the relocation of all the planes to Oceana.

Council also agrees that once the record of decision on the final environmental impact statement is released the city will work diligently with the Navy to mitigate, without compromising national security, any perceived negative impacts of the relocation on the citizens of Virginia Beach.

## Re-enacting slavery 'All in a Day's Work' for teacher

Thomas Sledge offers insight into plantation life at Land House

By Bob Rueggsegger

Correspondent

Thomas Sledge doesn't just study history, he lives it.

On Saturday a special interpretive tour, "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves," will be led by local historian and Great Bridge High School teacher Sledge at the Francis Land House.

Information from Princess Anne County court records, wills and inventories will be employed in this unique program explaining the daily lives of the slaves on the Francis Land plantation during the 18th century.

Vicki Harvey, museum education specialist at the Francis Land House, noted that one of the common misconceptions about slaves is that they only worked the fields.

"They were also coopers, blacksmiths and seamstresses," Harvey said.

"Our biggest artifact is the Francis Land House which was probably built by slave labor, so you're looking at a community of, in many cases, skilled people. And I think that is one of the things that Thomas Sledge brings out in his tour."

Sledge had been portraying George, a servant on the Francis Land plantation, in the house's annual Twelfth Night celebration when Harvey approached him with an idea for a new program which would focus on the lives of the plantation slaves.

He liked the idea. "I'd be more than willing to do it," Sledge remembered telling Harvey. "I had to do some research, and she came up with some papers for me also. That's how I got involved in this."

Sledge's interpretive tour begins with an explanation of what the daily lives of the slaves were like — the



SLAVE DAYS. Local historian and teacher Thomas Sledge portrays George, a house servant, during "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves" at the Francis Land House.

field hands, skilled tradesman and house servants. Next, he goes on to the documents, court records, that tell of how slaves were willed to family members. He describes how slave families were broken up. And how

some slaveholders tried to keep families together and how some didn't really care.

What kind of master was

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## Miles makes mark on hometown

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Virginia Beach's newest Outstanding Young Citizen knew something was up last Monday morning when two strangers were seated at her weekly staff meeting.

"I knew I hadn't hired two new people. I was just in my mode, getting the agency together and ready to get the week," said marketing executive Delceno C. Miles, president of The Miles Agency.

Neither did she know that history was in the making.

The strangers, members of the Virginia Beach Jaycees, brought news that Miles was not only the 1997 Outstanding Young Citizen, she was the first African-American to receive the coveted honor.



Miles

A native of Princess Anne County,

Miles ventured from her hometown only to attend college at on a full academic scholarship at Stanford University. Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway was a fellow graduate in the Class of '83.

Though a psychology major, her years at Stanford were the genesis of a marketing career.

"I got involved in political campaigns in the Palo Alto area, which is where Stanford is. Tom Bradley's race, I thought, was a big deal — a black running for governor. Later I would see history being made in my own state with Doug Wilder," she said.

After graduating, Miles considered a career in law, but "decided I didn't like it and got rid of that real quickly," she remembered.

Again, the political bug bit. Miles tried her hand at political consulting and eventually opened the public relations agency Madrone-Miles Ltd. in 1989.

She went solo in 1995, opening The Miles Agency located in the Pembroke

### Miles, vice chairman of the Virginia Beach School Board, has taken a strong leadership role.

Two lower.

She has sought to help others, a requisite of the Outstanding Young Citizen Award, and strives to through community service, civic leadership and volunteer work. Miles also opens her doors to young African-American interns, giving them valuable experience in the business world.

Miles, vice chairman of the Virginia Beach School Board, has taken a strong leadership role in educational and economic growth issues. She is a fellow in the Virginia Institute of Political Leadership and is an appointee to the Governor's Board of Professional and Occupational

Regulations. She also serves on the statewide Industrial Development Services Advisory Board is a board member of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Virginia Beach Division. Also with the chamber she is regional vice chairman of marketing and is a member of Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals.

Miles serves on the board of directors for the Neptune Festival and does pro bono publicity for the Strawberry Festival. She received the You Make A Difference Award from the Virginia Beach CARE Committee in 1993.

In her second year on the School Board, Miles chairs its Cultural Diversity Awareness Committee.

"It hasn't been one of those dull committee assignments," she assured.

Her agency has also chosen Newtown Roads Elementary School as its Adopt-A-School partner, and she enjoys volunteering and guest reading there.

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# Commentary

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

### Belt and buckle 'em

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 8-14, offers the chance to learn some new ABC's:

- Airbag safety;
- Buckle everyone;
- Children in back.

During this week, police departments and sheriff's offices across the state will be enforcing laws requiring the use of safety belts and child safety seats while transporting youngsters. Not only is it the law, buckling them up saves lives and millions of dollars in health care costs.

Anyone stopped for transporting an unbelted youth under age 16 will be ticketed.

The Virginia Coalition for Childhood Injury Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health remind drivers that:

- From birth to age 1, or until the child reaches 20 pounds, an infant passenger must be facing rear in an infant or convertible child safety seat. Never put an infant in the front passenger seat when there is an airbag. A deployed airbag can cause fatal head injuries.
- Children weighing 20 to 40 pounds are safest in a forward-facing convertible child safety seat. Parents should avoid the urge to "graduate" children out of child safety seats too soon.
- Booster seats protect children who have outgrown their child safety seats, but who are not large enough to wear a safety belt correctly. Booster seats eliminate the incorrect safety belt fit that puts a child at risk for more severe spinal and internal injuries in a crash.
- Children are safest when they are buckled up in the back seat.

Coalition and health department statistics show that 83 percent of children under age 4 are not secured in a child safety seat, or they are placed in one that has not been properly installed. Or, they may be unknowingly placed in a defective seat.

With that in mind, Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety (CCATS), a Hampton Roads organization, is conducting its annual Use, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up throughout February.

Surveys and inspections show that many parents and caregivers purchase safety seats from garage sales, thrift stores or have been given old seats from friends and relatives. Many of these safety seats are unsafe because of missing parts or incorrect routing of straps. Others are outdated or have been recalled by the manufacturer. Safety seats that have been involved in a crash are also unsafe and should be replaced.

The 1998 goal is to collect these used and potentially dangerous seats so they can be reused. In 1997, the round-up collected a mountain of more than 600 safety seats. The culmination will be a ceremonial crushing on March 10 in downtown Norfolk, where a bulldozer will roll over hundreds of unsafe seats.

As an incentive to turn in old safety seats, participants will receive a \$5 reward courtesy of The Safe Kids Coalition and AAA of Tidewater. The seat can be turned in at any AAA of Tidewater or DMV Customer Service Center, or call CCATS, 498-2562.

Make the ABC's of safety seats a rule of the road. — V.E.H.

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## Chaos in the Virginia Capitol

By Scott Bates

Virginia has never seen anything like it. The Virginia House of Delegates had its opening session in the house that Jefferson built on a hill overlooking the beautiful James River.

The opening of the House of Delegates is a solemn occasion when we renew the democratic tradition in the Old Dominion that is older than America itself. The House has had opening sessions since the time of George Washington, but the House never had an opening session like this one.

For six hours Republicans and Democrats fought bitterly for control of the people's House. Democratic dominance of the chamber was called into question because just the night before, special elections were held in three House districts around the commonwealth to fill vacant seats. Republican candidates won the seats making the partisan split 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and one "independent" who might as well be a Republican.

"What's the fuss?" you might ask. Why not seat the new delegates and decide how to run the House with a partisan split? There was the little matter of the law. It normally takes a few days for the local election board and state election boards to verify the elections and make sure there were no problems.

This constitutionally appropriate timetable was not to Gov. Allen's liking. He wanted to usher in a Republican House of Delegates before he left office. After all, his political fund spent \$250,000 in 1995 trying to make it so.

Allen could not persuade the State Board of Elections to abandon the law. He could not persuade the circuit court to see things his way. In the end, Allen petitioned the Supreme Court of Virginia to ratify his decision to fill those

vacant chairs without properly counting the ballots.

The court rejected Allen and so it was up to the House of Representatives to figure out a way to stall the vote for Speaker of the House until the State Board certified their candidates' victories.

For six hours Republican Delegates read from Jefferson's manual of parliamentary procedure, made rambling speeches and generally tried to grind the proceedings of the House to a halt. Meanwhile, the three newly elected delegates were "sworn" into office by a Republican party activist who also happens to be a notary public.

Lee Ware, Harry Blevins and Michele McQuigg then went to the floor of the House of Delegates and raised their right hands along with the 97 certified members of the House of Delegates and took the oath of office. The three mavericks then took their seats in the chamber, even though they had no voting rights.

For the next six hours House Republicans read from Jefferson's manual of parliamentary procedure, made boring speeches and generally tried to gum up the works so that the clerk of the House, Bruce Jamerson, could not call for a vote to elect the new speaker of the House. Republicans were trying to pull off the political equivalent of the old "four corners" play in basketball.

Teams used that play before the advent of the 30-second shot clock. They would pass the ball between four players and just hold it till the clock ran out. Republicans hoped to delay the game until the State Board of Elections could certify the election to office of their three new colleagues.

With 49 votes the Republicans would then be joined by the House's lone independent, Lacy Putney, a supporter of George Wallace for president and a solid Republican vote, would be

persuaded to join their caucus and become the new Speaker. If the Republicans could hold out long enough, Putney would join their new members to become a force of 50 that could deny the Democrats the speaker's chair and control of the House. But not on this day.

Jamerson had to go to the instant replay and review a ruling he had made earlier in the day. While the NFL does not have instant replay, the Virginia House of Delegates does. Jamerson found that he had been in error and the Democrats had control of debate on the floor. The Democrats pounced and called for an immediate vote for Speaker. The Republicans howled in protest. "Illegitimate Power!" bellowed Delegate Bob Marshall.

"Shame, Shame, Shame!" shouted Republicans in unison as Justice Antonio administered the oath of office to newly-elected Speaker of the House Democrat Tom Moss.

Moss tried to quiet the protest with soothing words of conciliation but to no avail. Moss pitched aside his prepared remarks and told a reporter that he could have the Republicans cleared from the room, but of course that wouldn't look good.

By the end of the week, Moss was speaker of a 100 member House, with the support of only 50 members. Negotiations are being held to develop a "power sharing agreement" between the parties. Republicans are likely to achieve parity in committee assignments and gain chairmanships of some committees.

The Democrats refused to surrender under fire. They will now do so at the negotiating table. A century of Democratic control of Virginia's House of Delegates has come to an end. With a bang.

Scott Bates is a former Virginia Secretary of State. He comments weekly on state politics.

## Clinton fools some people sometimes, but not always

It appears that Bill Clinton has once again fooled some, but not all, of the American people.

If polls mean anything, Clinton's ratings are higher than they have ever been. It's interesting that most of the polls are taken by the liberal electronic and printed media. For quite some time I have been asking the following questions: When a poll is taken, what questions are asked? Who does the polling? What areas of the country are polled?

I have never been polled on the subject of Bill Clinton. Neither have my wife or any members of my family or any of my friends. I can't believe that any self-respecting Republican would say anything favorable about Bill Clinton, so where are they getting such high marks for Slick Willie? Maybe they only poll liberals from California, New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. Something sticks as far as the polls are concerned.

Two weeks ago Bill Clinton sat in front of the television cameras, pointed his finger, and said to the American people, "I want you to listen to me, I'm going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman." Now he may have been talking to some of the American people, but he wasn't talking to me.

He may talk that way to his daughter (who is only a few years younger than Monica Lewinsky), but I'll be damned if I'm going to be lectured by a draft-evading, adulterous liar like Bill Clinton.

I don't blame Hillary for "standing by her man." That's her ticket to fly all over the world on Air Force One and all the other goodies that go with being the wife of the president. But it seems to me to be a heavy price to pay. Surely, she has some of that womanly pride left and it must hurt her deeply to have to listen to how many women with whom her husband is allegedly involved.

If he were just Willie Clinton, I doubt that she would have been so loyal.

What he has done to her would be considered mental cruelty in "The Real World," but then perhaps we little people don't live in the same world as Bill and Hillary.

I do not know Perry Morgan, former executive editor of the *Virginian-Pilot*, but I do read his column from time to time. I don't always agree with him, but his column in the Jan. 27 edition hit the nail squarely on the head. Morgan closed his column with the following quote speaking of Bill Clinton: "The prospect at this point is one of a president at bay — trying to dig himself out of a deep hole. He owes the country deep reflection on resolving this matter by resignation."

Welcome to the real world.

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## Bad cologne can break hearts

The season of hearts and cupid, pink and red is upon us.

Next to Halloween, Valentine's Day is my favorite holiday. Just call me a sentimental sap.

Today as I was pondering an angle for my annual column in tribute to the lovers' holiday, a press release crossed my desk from Blitx, the lip care people.

It was perfect fodder for my sporadic "bustle of the sexes" segment. As with most things, it appears that men and women are again at odds. This time it's over how Valentine's Day should be celebrated.

As a female, of course I'm going to say "Bring on the fancy dinner, flowers, box of chocolates and something shiny — preferably with diamonds or sapphires!"

A man, however, is more likely to say "Let's stay home, honey, and celebrate quietly." Translated? "Let's save a boatload of bucks."

Blitx took a scientific approach to the Valentine's Day debate.

They randomly telephoned 500 men and 500 women across the country of all ages and demographic backgrounds to determine their biggest Valentine's Day turn-offs and turn-ons. Preferred gifts and favorite ways to celebrate were also asked.

Guess what? Forty-seven percent of the men surveyed said that kissing on the couch at home was a total turn-on — the biggest, in fact — compared to an evening of dancing (19 percent). A foot massage got 15 percent of the male vote, while sharing a decadent dessert with their lady love got 12 percent of the male vote.

Women, on the other hand, want a night on the town. Truth be told, if we put enough we'll probably get it. Translated: a good evening on the town could lead to some necking on the sofa.

Dancing garnered 30 percent of the female vote, followed by a foot massage for their weary tooties (25 percent) and sharing a decadent dessert (21 percent). Kissing on the couch as the preferred evening focus rated a mere 18 percent.

The top Valentine's day turn-off? That's one thing both sexes can agree on. An overbearing partner garnered 31 percent of the turn-off vote, followed by bad cologne/perfume and razor stubble at 24 and 23 percent respectively.

I guess poor hygiene doesn't pay

on Valentine's Day since bad cologne can break hearts.

I found it enlightening that men and women agree on the most romantic way to celebrate. Forty-nine percent of men and women opted for a weekend getaway. Those aged 18 to 24 said a wild night on the town was the second best way to celebrate, while those over 24 years old said a quiet evening at home was the best second choice.

The best gift list was the next thing queried. I always knew that the stomach was the best way to a man's heart. Fifty-two percent of men and 39 percent of women said a candlelight dinner was the best gift. Running a close second for women was a bouquet of flowers (38 percent), followed by a box of chocolates (9 percent) and a memorable kiss (7 percent). Personally, I'd like all of the above.

Men, on the other hand, would prefer a kiss (18 percent), then a box of chocolates (12 percent) and finally a bouquet of flowers (4 percent).

Interestingly, 11 percent of men and 8 percent of women have had a first date on Valentine's Day. Of those respondents, romance was definitely in the air. Sixty-four percent said the evening ended with a kiss, while 20 percent said it ended with breakfast.

So there are some statistics to ponder as you make those critical choices this Valentine's Day.

Lastly, pucker up! There's going to be a whole lot of kissing going on.



## Library's mission is 'Central to your life'

Last month I was invited to speak at the 10th anniversary celebration for our Central Library. Librarian Carolyn Barkley presented me with a 10th anniversary T-shirt, with a picture of the library on the front and the anniversary's theme, "Central to your life," on the back.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

**It is hard to believe that 10 years have already elapsed since that enormous building opened.**

cent information released by the government.

So many interesting and exciting events have occurred at our city's Central Library during its 10 years. It has been a host for popular children's authors such as Paula Danziger, Marc Brown and Maurice Sendak. The Friends of the Library brought film nobles including Charlton Heston to the library for their evening film series.

Did you know that the Friends of the Library, the group that runs the semiannual book sale at the Pavilion, also runs a gift shop at Central Library? Everything they earn goes to fund library events, including author visits and children's programming during the Summer Reading Club.

Central Library staff began the annual Adult Summer Reading Club in 1990 and presented the popular "Romance Between the Covers" weekend in 1996. Following the Princess Anne High School fire several years ago, Central Library served as the temporary school library, with students bused there for regularly scheduled library classes.

Most people think only of the public parts of the library, where they get help for their questions and check out books, videos and other materials. Have you ever wondered where library materials come from? How do they get on the library catalog? Who keeps the catalog software and hardware running? These are among the tasks of the support services agencies. Collection Management, Cataloging Services and Automated Services.

I learned that they are also part of Central Library, having moved into the building from tiny offices and a trailer at the Great Neck Area Library 10 years ago. They select and process materials, create and maintain the catalog and Web site, and keep the computers running for the entire library system.

Like our city, our library system has grown and changed since I was first appointed to the Library Board in 1966. Now there are 97 employees at the Central Library alone, more than were in the entire library system 30 years ago.

I understand that more than 600 volunteers have contributed more than 75,000 hours at the Central Library since 1990. Some people have been volunteering at Central Library since it opened and several are so dedicated that they generously give their time not only at Central Library, but also at other libraries. They help repair, check-in and shelve materials, keep the shelves in order, process new materials, search for requested books and lead tours. The library could not function without them.

Central Library has served the citizens of Virginia Beach well during its first decade. I know our library system does a good job, and our citizens agree. In recent surveys more than 90 percent of citizens approve of the job the library is doing and those who didn't wanted more books and more hours of operation.

For many citizens, the library really is "Central to their lives."

*Donna Gani, cataloging librarian, contributed to this column.*

## Physics society contest looking for 'TOP' students

TOPS (Teachers of Physics Society) will sponsor the 10th Annual Physics Olympics on Saturday, March 21 at Ocean Lakes High School from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Teams from Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Chesapeake can participate. Competition will be held in two divisions — high school and middle school.

According to event organizers, no advance preparation or construction is required. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. First prize in each division will include Bunch Gardens tickets. Second prize will include Water Country USA tickets. An awards ceremony will take place at noon and refreshments will be served.

Participants will find the competition to be fun as well as challenging, according to Jim Cooke, Ocean Lakes High School

physics teacher. "The events will include Penny Barge, a construction activity; Walk the Plank, an activity requiring teamwork; Constant Acceleration Race and Catapult, activities that require physical applications of intellectual skills; Estimation, a mental activity; and Slow Bicycle Race, an activity in which intellect alone is definitely not sufficient.

Each school may bring as many teams as they wish, with four to five people to a team. There will be a \$5 registration charge per team, with a discounted fee of \$3 per team for those registering by March 11. In addition, each school preregistering will receive an advance copy of the competition details and rules. It will also be possible for school teams to register on site, the day of the competition.

For more information call Cooke, 721-4110.

## Up close and personal

### Michelle Tillander: Artistically speaking

By Victoria Hecht

Michelle Tillander's life pursuits, family and education always came back to one thing — art.

In college, she eventually made the decision to follow her heart. Today Tillander is Virginia's newly-named Outstanding Elementary Art Teacher of the Year.

"My mother and grandmother were very art- and craft-oriented. My mother has sewn all of her life. Quality-wise it's professional. She's European, and when she came to the States she thought she might get some type of fashion degree. She actually competed in competitions and won several awards. But unfortunately life was a little different raising children. Both my parents had to work to survive. The same with my grandmother, who was very involved with her hands making lace and everything," she said.

Tillander is achieving what previous generations only dreamed of: a career utilizing her god-given talents. A self-described "independent female," Tillander was determined to "go have a career with no desire to get married."

Inspired by two role models — a high school art teacher and an uncle who was a sculptor — she began studying art at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. after dabbling in science. She calls the latter "essentially a male's field, though I could hold my own."

The more she saw science, the less she liked it. The more she thought about art, the more she liked it.

"I sensed a greater humanitarianism from the art students than the science students," she explained. "I was very discouraged because I thought to myself, 'These (science) people are intense. Too intense.' I didn't see any compassion for humanity. Everything was about the grade. It took me to my sophomore year to realize that."

After graduating from Moravian College, Tillander enrolled in the joint master's degree program at Old Dominion and Norfolk State universities. She didn't set out intentionally to be a teacher.

"I still don't know what I want to do with my life yet," she chuckled.

While she's making up her mind, Tillander has proven an exceptional art teacher. Employed by Virginia Beach City Public Schools since 1990, she works with artistically-gifted students at the Old Dominion Center.

"I'll stay with teaching as long as I keep growing. The minute I stop growing, I'll change it," she said.

Tillander explained her philosophy of teaching.

"Learning is a two-way dialogue between the teacher and the students," she said. "It's give and take, push and pull. It's not standing up and dictating. You don't want to inhibit their activity."

She believes that art should be taught within the context of 20th-century culture. "Man has been making marks on walls for over 50,000 years," she wrote in her application for Virginia Art Education Association competition. "Communication through the visual component and written language has deteriorated as we become passive in this technological age."

"As a contemporary artist," she said, "I must deal with the realities of this culture. Therefore, as an educator my role is part of the energy that molds and shapes contemporary ideas in students. Art education should produce both artist and child."

Tillander prefers to put her own abilities to the test by teaching artistically-gifted children.

"When I was in a regular classroom, I didn't feel I was challenging my ability to do what I had to do. You could argue that and say, 'If you're really good you could take those kids at that level and challenge them.' There are just some children who don't need or want any more art. They're content to learn about the three primary colors, how to mix them and what they make. That's what they want; there's nothing wrong with that. But, for me, I felt I was wasting my ability."

Tillander enjoys the "passion" she sees each day in the faces of her students.



"It's important to me. When I work with these kids I push myself. They have a different way of seeing, a different attitude about art."

Finding balance between the teacher and artist in herself is also a challenge for Tillander.

"What happens is in the 'ego land' — I've gotten the award for teaching. Now I have to do the other," she explained.

That's not to say Tillander hasn't been rewarded for her artistic abilities. A mixed media artist who prefers painting, photography and digital imaging, she has been honored by the Tidewater Art Education Association, Arts Council of Richmond and others.

The most recent accolade was nice, she said, but work is not done with the expectation of rewards.

"You just try to do the best you can," she smiled.

Name: Michelle Tillander.

What brought you to this area: School (master's program at Old Dominion University).

Hometown: Toms River, N.J.

Age: 39.

Nickname: Ms. T.

Occupation: Artist/instructor.

Marital Status: Single (occupied).

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Meshes in the Afternoon," "Maya Deren," "Metropolis" and "Contact."

Magazines I read regularly: PEI, Photo Electronic Imaging and Art Forum.

Favorite authors: Diane Ackerman (The History of Our Natural Senses).

Favorite night on the town: Anything as long as it's with Dana.

Favorite restaurant: Sun Wah (Chinese takeout on Tidewater Drive in Norfolk) and No Frill Grill.

Favorite meal: Pasta.

What most people don't know about me: I still have not decided what to do when I grow up.

Best thing about myself: I get along with all different types of people.

Worst habit: Making piles of things rather than putting them away.

Pets: A dog and two cats.

Hobbies: Kayaking, sewing and tinkering with my 1970 convertible Ghia.

Ideal vacation: Going anywhere in the world and being able to stay with the people.

Pet peeves: The feel of wet clay in my hands.

First job: Teaching crafts at a yarn store in high school.

Worst job: Graphic artist doing layouts for government training manuals.

Favorite sports teams: None. I don't think sports people do enough for the regular guy.

Favorite musicians: OMD, Elvis Costello, Jackson Brown, Lauri Chapman, Elton John and Hany Chapman.

Most embarrassing moment: When I stepped in dog poop and walked around class all day trying to figure out who smelled — and finally realizing it was me several hours later.

How I would like to be remembered: Like most, with artwork that touches someone's soul.

If I received \$1 million: I would set up a scholarship fund for art students, buy a copy machine for the Old Dominion Center's art department and students, buy the trim pieces needed to finish my Ghia and share the rest with friends and family.

## Brod Bragert pays a visit

Brod Bragert, a nationally-known poet, performed his works at two assemblies at Windsor Woods Elementary School recently. The poet gave up his job as a trial lawyer after 21 years to author poetry books for children. He travels from New Orleans to schools all over the United States to entertain audiences from his eight books.



## On a roll: Bowling enthusiast brings attention to timely issue

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King's words were nearly drowned out by the bevy of recreational bowlers drinking beer and enjoying themselves a few lanes away, seemingly oblivious of the bespectacled crane operator on lane 58.

What wasn't hard to see was the supporting cast that joined King in his fund-raising efforts. Virginia Beach resident and co-worker Nino Brown kept score, Norfolk's Evelyn Bryant timed each game, and Norfolk's Samuel Pierce barked "ready, set, go" every 15 seconds.

That let Talbert Wilson of Norfolk know when to hand King the ball. A few seconds later, King strode confidently back to the end of the lane, alternately resting his forearms on the shoulders of volunteer helpers Kenisha Lewis and Cathy Miller.

"I'm not even a bowler,"

Miller said during a break. "I'm interested in it because of the cause, but I'm learning a lot about bowling."

Overseeing the whole operation and the 80 volunteers who will assist King over the two-week period was Nedra Carr, armed with a stopwatch to make sure that King broke the 24-hour record. The old record stood at 53,510 pins before King unofficially broke it with a pin total of 53,548 by noon Saturday.

He bowled a total of 263 games in those 24 hours, averaging four balls per minute, rolling 13 games an hour, and bowling 141 games in which he averaged at least 200.

His highest score during that time was 299, his lowest 149. Despite a training regimen that included sleeping just two hours a day, all that bowling can take its toll. That's where Carr came in.

The Newport News resident is responsible for organizing the volunteers who massaged King's leg's every hour, supplied him with the 32-ounce bottles of water that he drank every two hours, and keeping tabs on the plastic boxes that contained complete changes of clothing.

Shoes and bowling balls are perhaps the most important element of King's record-breaking effort. When King set the record for most hours bowled in 1984, his feet ballooned from an 8 1/2 to an 11, and his hands swelled from overuse.

King's endurance left Wilson impressed.

"Even handling the ball, it gets heavy," admitted Wilson, who attends the Way of the Cross Church in Chesapeake with King. "He's giving of himself, his time and his effort to let people know that abusing women is not the right thing to do."

## Libraries respond to request

Continued From Page 1

which will be included in the proposed schools' 1998 referendum package.

The recommendations also include the construction of a two-story, 26,000 square-foot building on city property that would house the Bayside Library, the police department's third precinct and the removal of the bookmobile and services for the blind and visually-impaired to the Bayside location from Windsor Woods. This project would be included only if the third option were approved.

The cost, \$2,990,477, represents the net increase over the \$2,936,819 cost for the Bayside project in the no-tax option "which would include a 15,000 square-foot building, including the bookmobile operations. The operating cost impact starting the first of 2002 would be \$172,657.

The no-tax option would cost an impact on the operating budget of \$1,072,919 a year.

It would include a new 16,000 square foot facility (Princess Anne Library) serving the General Booth corridor at a cost of \$3.2 million and \$1.1 million for collections; the renovation of the Central Library for \$263,000; the renovation of the Windsor Wood Library, \$1 million; as well as the Bayside Library, \$2.9 million and the Pungo-Blackwater Library/Creeks School.

The no-tax option focuses on the existing libraries with the most critical need for renovation and/or replacement — Windsor Woods, Bayside and the Central Library. Block said that with the no-tax option the staff tried to come up with a basic plan, but that there are fiscal implications.

He said that the assumption had to be made that the library has a senior claim on revenue growth. He said that city would be committing to on-going annual costs of \$185 to \$1.9 million; other projects and programs may be driven out because growth will be committed to libraries and charter bonds, which would bed, will be tight for the next couple of years.

The capital budget already has committed bonds to a new high school, a new Cooke Elementary School and the new Technical

Center. Also, he said, the library needs have not been ranked against other needs.

Also the construction of a 15,000-square-foot Bayside Library does not fulfill the estimated service capacity requirements for the Bayside Planning Area and the construction of a Cypress Point Area Library would still be needed to serve fully everyone in the planning area.

The Bayside Area Library would also be closed during construction.

The no-tax option does not address the need for electronic services, insufficient library service capacity in the Kempville, Bayfront, Little Neck and Holland planning areas; does not upgrade existing buildings in the great Neck, Oceanfront and Kempville planning areas and assumes the new projects and renovations can be managed with existing staff in library administration.

The second proposal would provide basic service in an electronic environment and renovation/replacement of remaining existing libraries, would cost \$5,122,104 in capital costs and \$2,464,438 in operating costs and would require a tax increase of 1.7 cents.

The second option builds on the first option and would include a 16,000-square-foot Oceanfront library on city service center land; the renovation, including a 2000 square foot addition of the Great Neck Library; the renovation of the Kempville Library; basic staffing for an electronic environment and library system support.

The third option which builds on the first two options would cost \$8,237,604 in capital costs and \$1,798,385 in operating costs, calling for a 1.2 cent tax increase.

It would include 19,000 square feet for the Green Run/Salem Library; Sunday hours at all libraries (only Kempville and the Central Library have Sunday hours now); cataloging services, collection management, and automated services. The two-story Bayside/Police Precinct option also would be included.

The fourth option, which builds on the first three, includes new libraries in Kempville (15,000 square-foot Centerville), in Bayside (12,000 square-foot, Cypress

Point); 7,000 square foot Bayfront; 10,000 square-foot Little Neck; youth services/homeework centers and collection management. The capital cost of \$15,788,454 and operating costs of \$4,763,284 would require a 2.2 cent tax increase.

Dr. K. Edwin Brown, assistant superintendent of schools, department of accountability and technology, pointed out how the schools and libraries already collaborate in numerous instances, including the planned shared school/library facility in the Pungo/Blackwater area.

The two agencies are exploring joint training opportunities; the public libraries donate to school libraries superseded reference titles; the Government Information Manual produced by the library department is provided the school libraries; the school division published a director of library media personnel and provides copies for public library use. The schools and libraries participate in numerous other cooperative activities.

However, the differences in the two systems — public libraries serve the public at large while school libraries serve the curriculum of the respective schools — mean consolidation of all functions is not practical.

Brown said, for instance, that the schools act in " loco parentis," so school librarians honor parents' request, for instance, not to allow their children to read certain books.

Sims said security issues also are involved. One reason why the Princess Anne High School students' use of the public library when the school burned down was so successful was because they used the library starting at 7:30 a.m. before the regular library patrons came in.

In searching the literature, Sims said, the failure rate when the school and public libraries are combined is high. In the Pungo/Blackwater area, she said, it will work because it's a small community that is willing to work together. She said that one example of a combined library is at Manor High School in Portsmouth. She said she thought that "they would not consider that a successful project."

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## Broad Bay installs new commodore

Virginia Beach sailboat skippers, crew and guests gathered at the Princess Anne Country Club recently to pass the helm of the Broad Bay Sailing Association and install new officers for 1998.

Taking over as commodore of BBSA for 1998 is Larry Holt, a catamaran sailor who lives in Belle Haven. Larry relieves Mark Arnold, a one-design moback sailor with several national titles to his credit. Mark will be rear commodore for 1998.

Installed as vice commodore for 1998 was Don Snyder, who was cruising fleet skipper in 1997. Nina Trieber was installed as secretary and Jack Henenberg as treasurer.

Other officers for 1998 including Racing Fleet Captain John McCarthy; Cruising Fleet Captain Fred Bashara; and One-Design Fleet Captains Barbara and Len

Guenther.

Awards were made for 1997. Gordon Edwards was awarded the Jon Hoglund trophy for outstanding seamanship; Heidi Guenther the Junior Sailor of the Year trophy; Bob Mosby the

Racing Skipper of the Year trophy and Mark Arnold the One-Design Skipper of the Year trophy. Keynote speaker for the evening Dr. Stuart R. Walker of Annapolis, Md., who has written several books on sailing.



CHANGE OF COMMAND. Mark Arnold, right, transfers the Commodore's flag of the Broad Bay Sailing Association to 1998 Commodore Larry Holt.

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# Centenarian had double reason to celebrate

## Marks citizenship, 106th birthday

By Sandra J. Barker  
Correspondent

On Jan. 31, 1892, little Consuelo Lopez Moreno made her entrance into the world. She was born in Tangier, a city in Morocco, on the northern tip of Africa and just across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain.

Now, 106 years later, Senora Moreno celebrated her birthday as a newly-naturalized citizen of the United States. She is proud of her new status, saying, "The American flag makes me very happy."

On Saturday, family and friends gathered in the home of Moreno's granddaughter, Maria Williams, in Virginia Beach, for a very special birthday party.

The guest of honor looked small and demure, sitting in a big chair in Williams' den. Her white hair was neatly combed and earrings glittered in her ears. A slight bruise colored her forehead, the only evidence of a fall earlier in the week. Her daughter, Maria Sanchez, 75, said, "She's in good shape. She doesn't have any aches or pain. Everything is normal, blood pressure, heart."

Moreno's eyes lit up and her mouth crinkled into a smile each time a new guest arrived. There were hugs and kisses and many wishes of "Feliz cumpleaños, Abuela," which means, "Happy birthday, Grandmother."

After being introduced to a non-Spanish speaking visitor, Moreno, who speaks very little English, looked up with a smile and said, "I love you."

Love in any language feels the same — warm and friendly. Such an atmosphere flowed throughout the five generations of Moreno's family and friends as they laughed and spoke animatedly with one another in the Spanish language.

Joanna Vallejo, a friend from Arlington, looked at Moreno with affection, saying, "She's very dear to me. She was my oldest son, George's babysitter for two and a half years, starting when he was eight months old. He'll be 29 this month. Everytime I see her, she says, 'How's George?'"

Moreno has become very dear to many people in the last century — 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson, Christopher Williams, 11, who said, "She's great! She's real nice."

In 1916, when Consuelo Moreno married Jose Romero (in Europe, women often keep their maiden name and thus she has remained a "Moreno"), she could not imagine the long, full life that lay ahead of her. Some years were good, and some were not so good. Her youngest son, J. Anthony

Romero III, who is commissioner of banking and financial institutions in Washington, D.C., said, "I remember my mother always wearing black. There was always somebody dying, somebody doing something."

Moreno gave birth to seven children, five of whom died as small children, adolescence or young adults. Her husband passed away when she was 50 years old and she worked in her home as a seamstress. Her son said, "She raised all of us and it was tough, but she never complained."

When asked what was the most important thing in her life, her daughter translated the words as Moreno answered, "My children."

What is her advice to the younger generation?

"Tell them not to smoke and not to drink. To the women, I can't give any advice except to rely on what God is going to do for them."

In 1958, her son immigrated to the United States from Morocco. After he became a U.S. citizen, he began to sponsor his relatives for immigration. When the papers were ready in 1964, Moreno flew by herself from Palermo to Washington, D.C.

She said, "People are more independent and free here. That's one of the reasons I love America, because of the freedom."

When her great-great grandson entered the room, she asked her daughter, "Is Christopher an American? Christopher's grandmother assured her mother that he was indeed an American citizen."

Each day, Maria Sanchez, who lives in Virginia Beach, visits her mother at Sentara Nursing Home.

Until three years ago, Moreno spent many of her hours crocheting beautiful shawls for friends and relatives who were going to have a baby. Now, arthritis has gnarled her hands and makes such handwork too difficult. She still enjoys watching the Spanish channel on television, reading Spanish magazines and sharing her keen sense of humor with others.

Her son laughs as he remembers her words at his 67th birthday party last year.

"When I came here for my birthday, she looks at me and says, 'You know, tony... I said, 'Yes, Mother?' She said, 'You're getting older.'"

Consuelo Lopez Romero has never driven a car, ridden a bike or smoked a cigarette, but she enjoys a drop of Southern Comfort once in a while, and loves to play the lottery. She is a woman of many facets — as well as many years.

Above all, she loves her family and they love her. In fact, her son said, "We hope she lives forever."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRANNY. New U.S. citizen Consuelo Moreno, 106, is flanked by granddaughter Maria Williams and daughter Maria Sanchez at Moreno's birthday celebration last week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

A collection of works in a mixture of media, including pen, ink, graphite, colored pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and gouache representing the best of the Indian River High School Art Department is on display at The Artists Gallery in Virginia Beach. The exhibition opened Jan. 27 and will be on view through Feb. 28. The gallery is located at 2407 Pacific Ave.

Open auditions will be held on Feb. 21 for an original musical review titled "Black Pearls." Needed are five women aged 20 to 60, three males, one aged 50 and two aged 20 to 30. This is a predominantly African-American musical review set in the 1920s. This show will be a workshop project of the Actors' Theatre in Pembroke Mall. You must be a

### Clubs

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, in the auditorium on the first floor. Eric Ballard will talk about how Microsoft software interfaces with the Internet.

The Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Margaret Morton will speak on the Widowed Persons Service. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Visitors are welcome. Call 430-2646 or 428-1984.

### Education

Arrowhead Elementary School

will host its annual PTA book fair Feb. 9-13. Parent Night will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 3:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. A door prize drawing will be held for free books. The PTA Reflections Award Assembly will follow at 7 p.m.

The 11th Annual Step Team Recognition and Competition will be held at Brandon Middle School, 1700 Pope St., on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 366-4545.

Red Mill Elementary School will host a spaghetti, bread and salad feast on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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R.C. King

King's words were nearly drowned out by the bery of recreational bowlers drinking beers and enjoying themselves a few lanes away, seemingly oblivious of the bespectacled crane operator on lane 58.

What wasn't hard to see was the supporting cast that joined King in his fund-raising efforts. Virginia Beach resident and co-worker Nino Brown kept score, Norfolk's Evelyn Bryant timed each game, and Norfolk's Samuel Pierce barked "ready, set, go" every 15 seconds.

That let Talbert Wilson of Norfolk know when to hand King the ball. A few seconds later, King strode confidently back to the end of the lane, alternately resting his forearms on the shoulders of volunteer helpers Kenisha Lewis and Cathy Miller.

"I'm not even a bowler,"

Miller said during a break. "I'm interested in because of the cause, but I'm learning a lot about bowling."

Overseeing the whole operation and the 80 volunteers who will assist King over the two-week period was Nedra Carr, armed with a stopwatch to make sure that King broke the 24-hour record. The old record stood at 53,510 pins before King unofficially broke it with a pin total of 53,548 by noon Saturday.

He bowled a total of 263 games in those 24 hours, rolling four balls per minute, averaging 13 games an hour, and bowling 141 games in which he averaged at least 200. His highest score during that period was 299, his lowest 149.

Despite a training regimen that included sleeping just two hours a day, all that bowling can take its toll. That's where Carr came in.

The Newport News resident is responsible for organizing the volunteers who massaged King's leg's every hour, supplied him with the 32-ounce bottles of water that he drank every two hours, and keeping tabs on the plastic boxes that contained complete changes of clothing.

Shoes and bowling balls are perhaps the most important element of King's record-breaking effort. When King set the record for most hours bowled in 1984, his feet ballooned from an 8 1/2 to an 11, and his hands swelled from overuse.

King's endurance left Wilson impressed.

"Even handling the ball, it gets heavy," admitted Wilson, who attends the Way of the Cross Church in Chesapeake with King. "He's giving of himself, his time and his effort to let people know that abusing women is not the right thing to do."

## Libraries respond to request

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which will be included in the proposed schools' 1998 referendum package.

The recommendations also include the construction of a two-story, 26,000-square-foot building on city property that would house the Bayside Library, the police department's third precinct and the removal of the bookmobile and services for the blind and visually-impaired to the Bayside location from Windsor Woods. This project would be included only if the third option were approved.

The cost, \$2,990,477, represents the net increase over the \$2,936,819 cost for the Bayside project in the no-tax option which would include a 15,000-square-foot building, including the bookmobile operations. The operating cost impact starting the first of 2002 would be \$172,657.

The no-tax option would cost a total of \$8,560,962 with an impact on the operating budget of \$1,072,919 a year.

It would include a new 16,000-square-foot facility (Princess Anne Library) serving the General Booth corridor at a cost of \$3.2 million and \$1.1 million for collections; the renovation of the central library for \$263,000; the renovation of the Windsor Wood Library, \$1 million; as well as the Bayside Library, \$2.9 million and the Pungo-Blackwater Library/Creeks School. The no-tax option focuses on the existing libraries with the most fiscal need for renovation and/or replacement — Windsor Woods, Bayside and the Central Library.

Block said that with the no-tax option the staff tried to come up with a basic plan, but that there are fiscal implications.

He said that the assumption had to be made that the library has a senior claim on revenue growth. He said that city would be committing to on-going annual costs of \$185 to \$1.9 million; other projects and programs may be driven out because growth will be committed to libraries and charter bonds, which would bed, will be tight for the next couple of years.

The capital budget already has committed bonds to a new high school, a new Cooke Elementary School and the new Technical

Center. Also, he said, the library needs have not been ranked against other needs.

Also the construction of a 16,000-square-foot Bayside Library does not fulfill the estimated service capacity requirements for the Bayside Planning Area and the construction of a Cypress Point Area Library would still be needed to serve fully everyone in the planning area.

The Bayside Area Library would also be closed during construction.

The no-tax option does not address the need for electronic services, insufficient library service capacity in the Kempville, Bayfront, Little Neck and Holland planning areas; does not upgrade existing buildings in the great Neck, Oceanfront and Kempville planning areas and assumes the new projects and renovations can be managed with existing staff in library administration.

The second proposal would provide basic service in an electronic environment and renovation/replacement of remaining existing libraries, would cost \$5,122,104 in capital costs and \$2,464,438 in operating costs and would require a tax increase of 1.7 cents.

The second option builds on the first option and would include a 16,000-square-foot Oceanfront library on city service center land; the renovation, including a 2000-square-foot addition of the Great Neck Library; the renovation of the Kempville Library; basic staffing for an electronic environment and library system support.

The third option which builds on the first two options would cost \$8,237,604 in capital costs and \$1,798,385 in operating costs, calling for a 1.2 cent tax increase.

It would include 19,000 square feet for the Green Run/Salem Library; Sunday hours at all libraries (only Kempville and the Central Library have Sunday hours now); cataloging services; collection management, and automated services. The two-story Bayside/Police Precinct option also would be included.

The fourth option, which builds on the first three, includes new libraries in Kempville (15,000-square-foot Centerpoint), in Bayside (12,000 square-foot Cypress

Point); 7,000 square foot Bayfront; 10,000 square-foot Little Neck; youth services/home-work centers and collection management. The capital cost of \$15,788,454 and operating costs of \$4,763,284 would require a 2.2 cent tax increase.

Dr. K. Edwin Brown, assistant superintendent of schools, department of accountability and technology, pointed out how the schools and libraries already collaborate in numerous instances, including the planned shared school/library facility in the Pungo/Blackwater area.

The two agencies are exploring joint training opportunities; the public libraries donate to school libraries superseded reference titles; the Government Information Manual produced by the library department is provided to the school libraries; the school division published a director of library media personnel and provides copies for public library use. The schools and libraries participate in numerous other cooperative activities.

However, the differences in the two systems — public libraries serve the public at large while school libraries serve the curriculum of the respective schools — mean consolidation of all functions is not practical.

Brown said, for instance, that the schools act in "loco parentis," so school librarians honor parents' request, for instance, not to allow their children to read certain books.

Sims said security issues also are involved. One reason why the Princess Anne High School students' use of the public library when the school burned down was so successful was because they used the library starting at 7:30 a.m. before the regular library patrons came in.

In searching the literature, Sims said, the failure rate when the school and public libraries are combined is high. In the Pungo/Blackwater area, she said, it will work because the school and public libraries are working together. Sims said she was of a combined school and public library. High School at P.A. said she thought the not consider that a project."

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Cost is \$5 for an adult plus child; \$3 each additional child; \$6 "unaccompanied" adults. Call 425-0000 for reservations or visit the center at 2200 Parks Ave.

## Broad Bay installs new commodore

Virginia Beach sailboat skippers, crew and guests gathered at the Princess Anne Country Club recently to pass the helm of the Broad Bay Sailing Association and install new officers for 1998.

Taking over as commodore of BBSA for 1998 is Larry Holt, a catamaran sailor who lives in Belle Haven. Larry relieves Mark Arnold, a one-design mobjack sailor with several national titles to his credit. Mark will be rear commodore for 1998.

Installed as vice commodore for 1998 was Don Snyder, who was cruising fleet skipper in 1997. Nina Trieber was installed as secretary and Jack Hensberg as treasurer.

Other officers for 1998 including Racing Fleet Captain John McCarthy; Cruising Fleet Captain Fred Bashara; and One-Design Fleet Captains Barbara and Len

Guenther.

Awards were made for 1997. Gordon Edwards was awarded the Jon Hoglund trophy for outstanding seamanship; Heidi Guenther the Junior Sailor of the Year trophy, Bob Mosby the

Racing Skipper of the Year trophy and Mark Arnold the One-Design Skipper of the Year trophy. Keynote speaker for the evening Dr. Stuart R. Walker of Annapolis, Md., who has written several books on sailing.



CHANGE OF COMMAND. Mark Arnold, right, transfers the Commodore's flag of the Broad Bay Sailing Association to 1998 Commodore Larry Holt.

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# Centenarian had double reason to celebrate

## Marks citizenship, 106th birthday

By Sandra J. Barker  
Correspondent

On Jan. 31, 1892, little Consuelo Lopez Moreno made her entrance into the world. She was born in Tangier, a city in Morocco, on the northern tip of Africa and just across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain.

Now, 106 years later, Senora Moreno celebrated her birthday as a newly-naturalized citizen of the United States. She is proud of her new status, saying, "The American flag makes me very happy."

On Saturday, family and friends gathered in the home of Moreno's granddaughter, Maria Williams, in Virginia Beach, for a very special birthday party.

The guest of honor looked small and dainty, sitting in a big chair in Williams' den. Her white hair was neatly combed and earrings glittered in her ears. A slight bruise colored her forehead, the only evidence of a fall earlier in the week. Her daughter, Maria Sanchez, 75, said, "She's in good shape. She doesn't have a wrinkle or a pain. Everything is pressure, heart."

She sat up and her eyes shined. There were many memories. Happy birthday, granny.

Romero III, who is commissioner of banking and financial institutions in Washington, D.C., said, "I remember my mother always wearing black. There was always somebody dying, somebody doing something."

Moreno gave birth to seven children, five of whom died as small children, adolescence or young adults. Her husband passed away when she was 50 years old and she worked in her home as a seamstress. Her son said, "She raised all of us and it was tough, but she never complained."

When asked what was the most important thing in her life, her daughter translated the words as Moreno answered, "My children."

What is her advice to the younger generation?

"Tell them not to smoke and not to drink. To the women, I can't give any advice except to rely on what God is going to do for them."

In 1958, her son immigrated to the United States from Morocco. After he became a U.S. citizen, he began to sponsor his relatives for immigration. When the papers were ready in 1964, Moreno flew by herself from Palermo to Washington, D.C.

She said, "People are more independent and free here. That's one of the reasons I love America, because of the freedom."

When her great-grandson entered the room, she asked her daughter, "Is Christopher an American citizen?"

Yes, Maria Sanchez, who lives in Virginia Beach, visits her son's home.

Now, 106 years ago, Moreno was a young girl. She was a housewife, a mother, a wife. She was going to have a baby, arthritis had gnarled her hands and makes such too difficult. She still watches the Spanish television, reading the newspaper and sharing her humor with others.

She is a woman who remembers her 67th birthday party.

She looks at me and says, "I said, 'Yes, you're getting old.'"

Moreno Romero is a woman who loves her family. In fact, her son lives forever.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRANNY. New U.S. citizen Consuelo Moreno, 106, is flanked by granddaughter Maria Williams and daughter Maria Sanchez at Moreno's birthday celebration last week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

A collection of works in a mixture of media, including pen, ink, graphite, colored pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and gouache representing the best of the Indian River High School Art Department is on display at The Artists Gallery in Virginia Beach. The exhibition opened Jan. 27 and will be on view through Feb. 28. The gallery is located at 2407 Pacific Ave.

Open auditions will be held on Feb. 21 for an original musical review titled "Black Pearls." Needed are five women aged 20 to 60, three males, one aged 50 and two aged 20 to 30. This is a predominantly African-American musical review set in the 1920s. This show will be a workshop project of the Actors' Theatre in Pembroke Mall. You must be a

### Clubs

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, in the auditorium on the first floor. Eric Ballard will talk about how Microsoft software interfaces with the Internet.

The Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Margaret Morton will speak on the Widowed Persons Service. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Visitors are welcome. Call 430-2646 or 428-1984.

### Education

Arrowhead Elementary School

will host its annual PTA book fair Feb. 9-13. Parent Night will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 3:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. A door prize drawing will be held for free books. The PTA Reflections Award Assembly will follow at 7 p.m.

The 11th Annual Step Team Recognition and Competition will be held at Brandon Middle School, 1700 Pope St., on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 366-4545.

Red Mill Elementary School will host a spaghetti, bread and salad feast on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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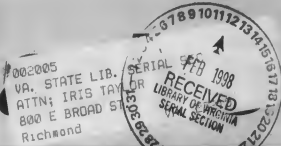
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## Fashion brunch

The Virginia Beach Christian Women's Club West will hold a "Hearts Desire" fashion brunch on Monday, Feb. 16 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Grand Affairs, 2036 East Pleasure House Rd. "Fashions For Your Heart's Desire" will be presented by Tiffany's for the romantic at heart. The dynamic voice of Tempe Brown will keep "Hearts In Tune" with music to fill your heart. A former entertainer from Greer, S.C., Brown will also share some "Loving Thoughts." Cost is \$8.75 inclusive with complimentary nursery for infants to age 5. Brunch and nursery reservations are necessary. Call Lori, 721-4156, or Virginia, 424-8112, for reservations by Feb. 12.

## 54-40 Quilts

The 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild will display their handwork in a special exhibit at the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens from Saturday, Feb. 14 through Friday, March 6. The exhibit will contain contemporary quilts and quilted items using traditional patterns. Several quilts from the Underground Railroad Series will be featured. In conjunction, the guild will conduct a quilting workshop for the novice quilter. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost of the workshop is \$2 per person and includes supplies. Reservations are required and children must be accompanied by an adult. A tour of the quilt exhibit and the Francis Land House is also included. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

## Show opens

The Actors' Theatre will present "Shirley Valentine," a comedy by Willy Russell. This joyful, captivating piece of theatre tells the story of a middle-class English housewife/heroine who leaves her husband to join a girlfriend on holiday in Greece. The plot becomes adventurous and hilarious when she meets a Greek fisherman and decides to stay. Carin Cowell gives a tour-de-force performance in this moving, cheer-raising piece of theatre. Show dates are Feb. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1.

All performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are general admission (\$12), senior, military, student (\$10), children 12 and under (\$5). The Actors' Theatre is located inside Pembroke Mall next door to Dillard's. For reservations and information call the Actors' Theatre box office, 557-0397.

## Pageant open

Applications are now available for the Miss Hampton Roads Scholarship Pageant on April 5. Call Polly Pearce, 499-6567, for information concerning the pageant and to receive application. Girls aged 17 to 24 may apply.

## Orchestra benefit

A "Fantasy Cruise" luncheon and fashion show benefiting the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra will be held in the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, 36th and Atlantic, on March 11 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are a \$25 donation and may be purchased from any member of the VBSSO League or by calling the league office, 671-8611.

## Helping hands

Parent Connection, a parenting support group, needs several volunteers to become weekly child care workers for its programs in Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. Volunteers will be responsible for activities with the children of our Parent Connection participants. Hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., one evening a week. Call Chris House, 622-9622, ext. 19.

## Reside With Pride

Reside With Pride, a volunteer organization which started in 1992, is seeking homes in need of minor structural repairs, cosmetic repairs and/or minor yard clean-up. Reside With Pride can provide necessary materials and work. However, homeowners are encouraged to be as involved as possible and may contribute materials or assistance. To receive an application, call 563-1000. Applications must be completed and returned no later than March 10.

## First Citizen

The Virginia Beach Jaycees are seeking nominations from the community for the annual First Citizen of Virginia Beach Award. The honor will be presented to a Virginia Beach resident over the age of 39 who has made great contributions to his or her community and career. Nominations should be sent to: Arlene Sosson-FCA, 1341 Thamesford Dr., Virginia Beach, VA, 23464. Nomination deadline is Feb. 13. For more information or to obtain a nomination packet, contact Sosson, 499-8822 or 495-3227.

# Libraries respond to council's request for improvement options

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Library officials, who on April 29 first presented a building plan that would take the city's libraries into the 21st century, returned this week with modified proposals for the next six years that involve a cumulative real estate real estate tax increase of 5.1 percent. Although the building plan would expand library facilities from 152,146 square feet to 247,800 square feet at an estimated cost of \$37.7 million, library director Marcie Simms told City Council at a work session Tuesday that the city would still leave Virginia Beach 10,200 square feet deficient in library space

## Costs range from no tax to 5.1 cents

standards established by the state, which call for .5 square feet per capita. The original proposal of April 29 required a tax increase for funding ranging from 1.8 cents to 6.9 cents. The library board had asked council to schedule a referendum for last year. But council, faced with an expected referendum request from the School Board, delayed the library proposal until both the library and school needs could be studied together. A school building referendum is being planned for this year. E. Dean Block, director of management

and budget, said that he had received a request from the school system for a \$132.7 million referendum. He said this would translate into a tax increase of 41/4 to 4 3/4 cents.

In presenting proposals this week, library officials were responding to an ordinance passed by City Council on Sept. 2 requesting the city manager to review the scope of the proposals, modify the proposals to ensure their fiscal feasibility and to present a plan to City Council within 90 days for the initiation of the design of selected

renovations and the preliminary design for a library in the General Booth Corridor.

The latest plan also responds to council instructions in the ordinance to collaborate with the school system to share facilities. The new plan also addresses this directive.

The first option requires no increases in the tax rate. Three additional options offer a sequential plan of improvements requiring varying increases in the tax rate.

The first option includes an innovative plan where the Pungo-Blackwater Library would be included in the Creeds School

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## Council reiterates bid for F/A 18s

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

Backing opposition from residents fearful of additional noise from more planes, City Council has reiterated its support for the relocation of 180 F/A 18s from Cecil Field, Fla., to Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

Residents in areas of the city that would be impacted by the noise from Oceana have asked for more information on how they would be affected.

Councilwoman Reba McClanan said that she had a phone call before Christmas from a resident who was concerned and said that if she had known they would be in the way of a fight pattern, she would not have purchased her house. McClanan said that the city has not addressed sufficiently the issue of how the citizens would be affected.

Residents in Chesapeake who live in the area of the Naval Air Station in Fentress also have come out against have more planes in the area. The planes practice landings and take-offs in Fentress.

In a resolution adopted unanimously by council Tuesday, the city requests the Department of Defense to carry out the recommendations of the 1995 Base

Realignment and Closure Commission that Cecil Field in Florida be closed and the 180 F/A-18 aircraft currently stationed there be relocated to other East Coast Naval and Marine Corps installations. Council also reaffirms its support for the relocation of the planes to Oceana and urges the Department of the Navy to recommend, in its final environmental impact statement, the relocation of all the planes to Oceana.

Council also agrees that once the record of decision on the final environmental impact statement is released the city will work diligently with the Navy to mitigate, without compromising national security, any perceived negative impacts of the relocation on the citizens of Virginia Beach.



McClanan

# Re-enacting slavery 'All in a Day's Work' for teacher

Thomas Sledge offers insight into plantation life at Land House

By Bob Rueggeger  
Correspondent

Thomas Sledge doesn't just study history, he lives it.

On Saturday a special interpretive tour, "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves," will be led by local historian and Great Bridge High School teacher Sledge at the Francis Land House.

Information from Princess Anne County court records, wills and inventories will be employed in this unique program explaining the daily lives of the slaves on the Francis Land plantation during the 18th century.

Vicki Harvey, museum education specialist at the Francis Land House, noted that one of the common misconceptions about slaves is that they only worked the fields.

"They were also coopers, blacksmiths and seamstresses," Harvey said.

"Our biggest artifact is the Francis Land House which was probably built by slave labor, so you're looking at a community of, in many cases, skilled people. And I think that is one of the things that Thomas Sledge brings out in his tour."

Sledge had been portraying George, a servant on the Francis Land plantation, in the house's annual Twelfth Night celebration when Harvey approached him with an idea for a new program which would focus on the lives of the plantation slaves.

He liked the idea. "I'd be more than willing to do it," Sledge remembered telling Harvey. "I had to do some research, and she came up with some papers for me also. That's how I got involved in this."

Sledge's interpretive tour begins with an explanation of what the daily lives of the slaves were like — the



SLAVE DAYS. Local historian and teacher Thomas Sledge portrays George, a house servant, during "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves" at the Francis Land House.

field hands, skilled tradesman and house servants. Next, he goes on to the documents, court records, that tell of how slaves were willed to family members. He describes how slave families were broken up. And how

some slaveholders tried to keep families together and how some didn't really care.

What kind of master was

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# Miles makes mark on hometown

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

Virginia Beach's newest Outstanding Young Citizen knew something was up last Monday morning when two strangers were seated at her weekly staff meeting.

"I knew I hadn't hired two new people. I was just in my mode, getting the agenda together and ready to plan the week," said marketing executive Delceno C. Miles, president of The Miles Agency.

Neither did she know that history was in the making. The strangers, members of the Virginia Beach Jaycees, brought news that Miles was not only the 1997 Outstanding Young Citizen, she was the first African-American to receive the coveted honor. Miles, a native of Princess Anne County,

Miles ventured from her hometown only to attend college at an on-campus academic scholarship at Stanford University. Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway was a fellow graduate in the Class of '83.

Though a psychology major, her years at Stanford were the genesis of a marketing career.

"I got involved in political campaigns in the Palo Alto area, which is where Stanford is. Tom Bradley's race, I thought, was a big deal — a black running for governor. Later I would see history being made in my own state with Doug Wilder," she said.

After graduating, Miles considered a career in law, but "decided I didn't like it and got rid of that real quickly," she remembered.

Again, the political bug bit. Miles tried her hand at political consulting and eventually opened the public relations agency Madison-Miles Ltd. in 1989.

She went solo in 1995, opening The Miles Agency located in the Pembroke

## Miles, vice chairman of the Virginia Beach School Board, has taken a strong leadership role.

Two towers.

She has sought to help others, a requisite of the Outstanding Young Citizen Award, and strives to through community service, civic leadership and volunteer work. Miles also opens her doors to young African-American interns, giving them valuable experience in the business world.

Miles, vice chairman of the Virginia Beach School Board, has taken a strong leadership role in educational and economic growth issues. She is a fellow in the Virginia Institute of Political Leadership and is an appointee to the Governor's Board of Professional and Occupational

Regulations.

She also serves on the statewide Industrial Development Services Advisory Board is a board member of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Virginia Beach Division. Also with the chamber she is regional vice chairman of marketing and is a member of Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals.

Miles serves on the board of directors for the Neptune Festival and does pro bono publicity for the Strawberry Festival. She received the You Make A Difference Award from the Virginia Beach CARE Committee in 1993.

In her second year on the School Board, Miles chairs its Cultural Diversity Awareness Committee.

"I haven't been one of those dull committee assignments," she assured. Her agency has also chosen Newtown Roads Elementary School as its Adopt-A-School partner, and she enjoys volunteering and guest reading there.

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# Commentary

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

### Belt and buckle 'em

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 8-14, offers the chance to learn some new ABC's:

- Airbag safety;
- Buckle everyone;
- Children in back.

During this week, police departments and sheriff's offices across the state will be enforcing laws requiring the use of safety belts and child safety seats while transporting youngsters. Not only is it the law, buckling them up saves lives and millions of dollars in health care costs.

Anyone stopped for transporting an unbelted youth under age 16 will be ticketed.

The Virginia Coalition for Childhood Injury Prevention, and the Virginia Department of Health remind drivers that:

■ From birth to age 1, or until the child reaches 20 pounds, an infant passenger must be facing rear in an infant or convertible child safety seat. Never put an infant in the front passenger seat when there is an airbag. A deployed airbag can cause fatal head injuries.

■ Children weighing 20 to 40 pounds are safest in a forward-facing convertible child safety seat. Parents should avoid the urge to "graduate" children out of child safety seats too soon.

■ Booster seats protect children who have outgrown their child safety seats, but who are not large enough to wear a safety belt correctly. Booster seats eliminate the incorrect safety belt fit that puts a child at risk for more severe spinal and internal injuries in a crash.

■ Children are safest when they are buckled up in the back seat.

Coalition and health department statistics show that 83 percent of children under age 4 are not secured in a child safety seat, or they are placed in one that has not been properly installed. Or, they may be unknowingly placed in a defective seat.

With that in mind, Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety (CCATS), a Hampton Roads organization, is conducting its annual Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seat Round-Up throughout February.

Surveys and inspections show that many parents and caregivers purchase safety seats from garage sales, thrift stores or have been given old seats from friends and relatives. Many of these safety seats are unsafe because of missing parts or incorrect routing of straps. Others are outdated or have been recalled by the manufacturer. Safety seats that have been involved in a crash are also unsafe and should be replaced.

The 1998 goal is to collect these used and potentially dangerous seats so they cannot be reused. In 1997, the round-up collected a mountain of more than 600 safety seats. The culmination will be a ceremonial crushing on March 10 in downtown Norfolk, where a bulldozer will roll over hundreds of unsafe seats.

As an incentive to turn in old safety seats, participants will receive a \$5 reward courtesy of The Safe Kids Coalition and AAA of Tidewater. Seats can be turned in at any AAA of Tidewater or DMV Customer Service Center, or call CCATS, 498-2562.

Make the ABC's of safety seats a rule of the road. — V.E.H.



## Chaos in the Virginia Capitol

By Scott Bates

Virginia has never seen anything like it. The Virginia House of Delegates had its opening session in the house that Jefferson built on a hill overlooking the beautiful James River.

The opening of the House of Delegates is a solemn occasion when we renew the democratic tradition in the Old Dominion that is older than America itself. The House has had opening sessions since the time of George Washington, but the House never had an opening session like this one.

For six hours Republicans and Democrats fought bitterly for control of the people's House. Democratic dominance of the chamber was called into question because just the night before, special elections were held in three House districts around the commonwealth to fill vacant seats. Republican candidates won the seats making the partisan split 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and one "independent" who might as well be a Republican.

"What's the fuss?" you might ask. Why not seat the new delegates and decide how to run the House with a partisan split? There was the little matter of the law. It normally takes a few days for the local election board and state election boards to verify the elections and make sure there were no problems.

This constitutionally appropriate timetable was not to Gov. Allen's liking. He wanted to usher in a Republican House of Delegates before he left office. After all, his political fund spent \$250,000 in 1995 trying to make it so.

Allen could not persuade the State Board of Elections to abandon the law. He could not persuade the circuit court to see things his way. In the end, Allen petitioned the Supreme Court of Virginia to ratify his decision to fill those

vacant chairs without properly counting the ballots.

The court rejected Allen and so it was up to the House of Representatives to figure out a way to stall the vote for Speaker of the House until the State Board certified their candidates' victories.

For six hours Republican Delegates read from Jefferson's manual of parliamentary procedure, made rambling speeches and generally tried to grind the proceedings of the House to a halt. Meanwhile, the three newly elected delegates were "sworn" into office by a Republican party activist who also happens to be a notary public.

Lee Ware, Harry Blevins and Michele McQuigg then went to the floor of the House of Delegates and raised their right hands along with the 97 certified members of the House of Delegates and took the oath of office. The three new members then took their seats in the chamber, even though they had no voting rights.

For the next six hours House Republicans read from Jefferson's manual of parliamentary procedure, made boring speeches and generally tried to gum up the works so that the clerk of the House, Bruce Jamerson, could not call for a vote to elect the new speaker of the House. Republicans were trying to pull off the political equivalent of the old "four corners" play in basketball.

Teams used that play before the advent of the 30-second shot clock. They would pass the ball between four players and just hold it till the clock ran out. Republicans hoped to delay the game until the State Board of Elections could certify the election to office of their three new colleagues.

With 49 votes the Republicans would then be joined by the House's lone independent, Lacy Putney, a supporter of George Wallace for president and a solid Republican vote, would be

persuaded to join their caucus and become the new Speaker. If the Republicans could hold out long enough, Putney would join their new members to become a force of 50 that could deny the Democrats the speaker's chair and control of the House. But not on this day.

Jamerson had to go to the instant replay and review a ruling he had made earlier in the day. While the NFL does not have instant replay, the Virginia House of Delegates does. Jamerson found that he had been in error and the Democrats had control of debate on the floor. The Democrats pounced and called for an immediate vote for Speaker. The Republicans howled in protest. "Illegitimate Power!" bellowed Delegate Bob Marshall.

"Shame, Shame, Shame!" shouted Republicans in unison as Justice Carico administered the oath of office to newly-elected Speaker of the House Democrat Tom Moss.

Moss tried to quiet the protest with soothing words of conciliation but to no avail. Moss pitched aside his prepared remarks and told a reporter that he could have the Republicans cleared from the room, but of course that wouldn't look good.

By the end of the week, Moss was speaker of a 100 member House, with the support of only 50 members. Negotiations are being held to develop a "power sharing agreement" between the parties. Republicans are likely to achieve parity in committee assignments and gain chairmanships of some committee.

The Democrats refused to surrender under fire. They will now do so at the negotiating table. A century of Democratic control of Virginia's House of Delegates has come to an end. With a bang.

Scott Bates is a former Virginia Secretary of State. He comments weekly on state politics.

## Clinton fools some people sometimes, but not always

It appears that Bill Clinton has once again fooled some, but not all, of the American people.

If polls mean anything, Clinton's

rating is higher than they have ever been. It's interesting that most of the polls are taken by the liberal electronic and printed media. For quite some time I have been asking the following questions: When a poll is taken, what questions are asked? Who does the polling? What areas of the country are polled?

### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

I have never been polled on the subject of Bill Clinton. Neither have my wife or any members of my family or any of my friends. I can't believe that any self-respecting Republican would say anything favorable about Bill Clinton, so where are they getting such high marks for Slick Willie? Maybe they only poll liberals from California, New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. Something stinks as far as the polls are concerned.

Two weeks ago Bill Clinton sat in front of the television cameras, pointed his finger, and said to the American people, "I want you to listen to me, I'm going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman." Now he may have been talking to some of the American people, but he wasn't talking to me.

He may talk that way to his daughter (who is only a few years younger than Monica Lewinsky), but I'll be damned if I'm going to be lectured by a draft-evading, adulterous liar like Bill Clinton.

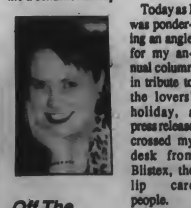
I don't blame Hillary for "standing by her man." That's her ticket to fly all over the world on Air Force One and all the other goodies that go with being the wife of the president. But it seems to me to be a heavy price to pay. Surely, she has some of that womanly pride left and it must hurt her deeply to have to listen to how many women with whom her husband is alleged to have been involved. If he were just simply Willie Clinton, I doubt that she would have been so loyal.

What he has done to her would be considered mental cruelty in "The Real World," but then perhaps we little people don't live in the same world as Bill and Hillary.

I do not know Perry Morgan, former executive editor of the *Virginian-Pilot*, but I do read his column from time to time. I don't always agree with him, but his column in the Jan. 27 edition hit the nail squarely on the head. Morgan closed his column with the following quote speaking of Bill Clinton: "The prospect that this point is one of a president at bay — trying to dig himself out of a deep hole. He owes the country deep reflection on resolving this matter by resignation." Welcome to the real world.

The season of hearts and cupid, pink and red is upon us.

Next to Halloween, Valentine's Day is my favorite holiday. Just call me a sentimental sap.



Off The Cuff  
By Victoria Hecht, editor

Today I was pondering an angle for my annual column in tribute to the lovers' holiday, a press release crossed my desk from Blistex, the lip care people. It was perfect fodder for my sporadic "bottle of the sex" segment. As with most things, it appears that men and women are again at odds. This time it's over how Valentine's Day should be celebrated.

As a female, of course I'm going to say "Bring on the fancy dinner, flowers, box of chocolates and something shiny — preferably with diamonds or sapphires!"

A man, however, is more likely to say "Let's stay home, honey, and celebrate quietly." Translated? "Let's save a boatload of bucks."

Blistex took a scientific approach to the Valentine's Day debate.

They randomly telephoned 500 men and 500 women across the country of all age groups and demographic backgrounds to determine their biggest Valentine's Day turn-offs and turn-ons. Preferred gifts and favorite ways to celebrate were also asked.

Guess what? Forty-seven percent of the men surveyed said that kissing on the couch at home was a total turn-on. The biggest, in fact — compared to an evening of dancing (19 percent). A foot massage got 15 percent of the male vote, while sharing a decadent dessert with their lady love got 12 percent of the male vote.

Women, on the other hand, want a night on the town. True be told, if we poor enough we'll probably get it. Translated: a good evening on the town could lead to some necking on the sofa.

Dancing garnered 30 percent of the female vote, followed by a foot massage for their weary tootsies (25 percent) and sharing a decadent dessert (21 percent). Kissing on the couch as the preferred evening focus rated a mere 18 percent.

The top Valentine's day turn-off? That's one thing both sexes can agree on. An overnight partner garnered 31 percent of the turn-off vote, followed by bad cologne/perfume and razor stubble at 24 and 23 percent respectively.

I guess poor hygiene doesn't pay

on Valentine's Day since bad cologne can break hearts.

I found it enlightening that men and women agree on the most romantic way to celebrate. Forty-nine percent of men and women opted for a weekend getaway. Those aged 18 to 24 said a wild night on the town was the second best way to celebrate, while those over 24 years old said a quiet evening at home was the best second choice.

The best gift list was the next thing queried. I always knew that the stomach was the best way to a man's heart. Fifty-two percent of men and 39 percent of women said a candlelight dinner was the best gift. Running a close second for women was a bouquet of flowers (38 percent), followed by a box of chocolates (9 percent) and a memorable kiss (7 percent). Personally, I'd like all of the above.

Men, on the other hand, would prefer a kiss (18 percent), than a box of chocolates (12 percent) and finally a bouquet of flowers (4 percent). Interestingly, 11 percent of men and 8 percent of women have had a first date on Valentine's Day. Of those respondents, romance was definitely in the air. Sixty-four percent said the evening ended with a kiss, while 20 percent said it ended with breakfast.

So there are some statistics to ponder as you make those critical choices this Valentine's Day.

Lastly, pucker up! There's going to be a whole lot of kissing going on.

## Bad cologne can break hearts

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## Library's mission is 'Central to your life'

Last month I was invited to speak at the 10th anniversary celebration for our Central Library. Librarian Carolyn Barkley presented me with a 10th anniversary T-shirt, with a picture of the library on the front and the anniversary's theme, "Central to your life," on the back.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyra Oberdorf

**It is hard to believe that 10 years have already elapsed since that enormous building opened.**

cent information released by the government.

So many interesting and exciting events have occurred at our city's Central Library during its 10 years. It has been a host for popular children's authors such as Paula Danziger, Marc Brown and Maurice Sendak. The Friends of the Library brought film notables including Charlton Heston to the library for their evening film series.

Did you know that the Friends of the Library, the group that runs the semiannual book sale at the Pavilion, also runs a gift shop at Central Library? Everything they earn goes to fund library events, including author visits and children's programming during the Summer Reading Club.

Central Library staff began the annual Adult Summer Reading Club in 1990 and presented the popular "Romance Between the Covers" weekend in 1996. Following the Princess Anne High School fire several years ago, Central Library served as the temporary school library, with students bused there for regularly scheduled library classes.

Most people think only of the public parts of the public library, where they get help for their questions and check out books, videos and other materials. Have you ever wondered where library materials come from? How do they get on the library catalog? Who keeps the catalog software and hardware running? These are among the tasks of the support services agencies. Collection Management, Cataloging Services and Automated Services.

I learned that they are also part of Central Library, having moved into the building from tiny offices and a trailer at the Great Neck Area Library 10 years ago. They select and process materials, create and maintain the catalog and Web site, and keep the computers running for the entire library system.

Like our city, our library system has grown and changed since I was first appointed to the Library Board in 1966. Now there are 97 employees at the Central Library alone, more than were in the entire library system 30 years ago.

I understand that more than 600 volunteers have contributed more than 75,000 hours at the Central Library since 1990. Some people have been volunteering at Central Library since it opened and several are so dedicated that they generously give their time not only at Central Library, but also at other libraries. They help repair, check-in and shelve materials, keep the shelves in order, process new materials, search for requested books and lead tours. The library could not function without them.

Central Library has served the citizens of Virginia Beach well during its first decade. I know our library system does a good job, and our citizens agree. In recent surveys more than 90 percent of citizens approve of the job the library is doing and those who don't want more books and more hours of operation.

For many citizens, the library really is "Central to their lives."

Donna Gant, cataloging librarian, contributed to this column.

## Physics society contest looking for 'TOP' students

TOPS (Teachers of Physics Society) will sponsor the 10th Annual Physics Olympics on Saturday, March 21 at Ocean Lakes High School from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Teams from Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Chesapeake can participate. Competition will be held in two divisions — high school and middle school.

According to event organizers, no advance preparation or construction is required. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. First prize in each division will include Bunch Gardens tickets. Second prize will include Water Country USA tickets. An awards ceremony will take place at noon and refreshments will be served.

Participants will find the competition to be fun as well as challenging, according to Jim Cooke, Ocean Lakes High School

physics teacher.

"The events will include Penny Barge, a construction activity; Walk the Plank, an activity requiring teamwork; Constant Acceleration Race and Catapult, activities that require physical applications of intellectual skills; Estimation, a mental activity; and Slow Bicycle Race, an activity in which intellect alone is definitely not sufficient.

Each school may bring as many teams as they wish, with four to five people to a team. There will be a \$5 registration charge per team, with a discounted fee of \$3 per team for those registering by March 11. In addition, each school preregistering will receive an advance copy of the competition details and rules. It will also be possible for school teams to register on site, the day of the competition.

For more information call Cooke, 721-4110.

## Up close and personal

### Michelle Tillander: Artistically speaking

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Michelle Tillander's life pursuits, family and education always came back to one thing — art.

In college, she eventually made the decision to follow her heart. Today Tillander is Virginia's newly-named Outstanding Elementary Art Teacher of the Year.

"My mother and grandmother were very art- and craft-oriented. My mother has sewn all of her life. Quality-wise it's professional. She's European, and when she came to the States she thought she might get some type of fashion degree. She actually competed in competitions and won several awards. But unfortunately life was a little different raising children. Both my parents had to work to survive. The same with my grandmother, who was very involved with her hands making lace and everything," she said.

Tillander is achieving what previous generations only dreamed of: a career utilizing her god-given talents. A self-described "independent female," Tillander was determined to "go have a career with no desire to get married."

Inspired by two role models — a high school art teacher and an uncle who was a sculptor — she began studying art at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. after dabbling in science. She calls the latter "essentially a male's field, though I could hold my own."

The more she saw science, the less she liked it. The more she thought about art, the more she liked it.

"I sensed a greater humanitarianism from the art students than the science students," she explained. "I was very discouraged because I thought to myself, 'These (science) people are intense. Too intense.' I didn't see any compassion for humanity. Everything was about the grade. It took me to my sophomore year to realize that."

After graduating from Moravian College, Tillander enrolled in the joint master's degree program at Old Dominion and Norfolk State universities. She didn't set out intentionally to be a teacher.

"I still don't know what I want to do with my life yet," she chuckled.

While she's making up her mind, Tillander has proven an exceptional art teacher. Employed by Virginia Beach City Public Schools since 1990, she works with artistically-gifted students, at the Old Dominion Center.

"I'll stay with teaching as long as I keep growing. The minute I stop growing, I'll change it," she said.

Tillander explained her philosophy of teaching.

"Learning is a two-way dialogue between the teacher and the students," she said. "It's give and take, push and pull. It's not standing up and dictating. You don't want to inhibit their activity."

She believes that art should be taught within the context of 20th-century culture. "Man has been making marks on walls for over 50,000 years," she wrote in her application for Virginia Art Education Association competition. "Communication through the visual component and written language has deteriorated as we become passive in this technological age."

"As a contemporary artist," she said, "I must deal with the realities of this culture. Therefore, as art educator my role is part of the energy that molds and shapes contemporary ideas in students. Art education should produce both artist and child."

Tillander prefers to put her own abilities to the test by teaching artistically-gifted children.

"When I was in a regular classroom, I didn't feel I was challenging my ability to do what I had to do. You could argue that and say, 'If you're really good you could take those kids at that level and challenge them.' There are just some children who don't need or want any more art. They're content to learn about the three primary colors, how to mix them and what they make. That's what they want; there's nothing wrong with that. But, for me, I felt I was wasting my ability."

Tillander enjoys the "passion" she sees each day in the faces of her students.



"It's important to me. When I work with these kids I push myself. They have a different way of seeing, a different attitude about art."

Finding balance between the teacher and artist in herself is also a challenge for Tillander.

"What happens in the 'ego land' — I've gotten the award for teaching. Now I have to do the other," she explained.

That's not to say Tillander hasn't been rewarded for her artistic abilities. A mixed media artist who prefers painting, photography and digital imaging, she has been honored by the Tidewater Art Education Association, Arts Council of Richmond and others.

The most recent accolade was nice, she said, but work is not done with the expectation of rewards.

"You just try to do the best you can," she smiled.

Name: Michelle Tillander.

What brought you to this area: School (master's program at Old Dominion University).

Hometown: Toms River, N.J.

Age: 39.

Nickname: Ms. T.

Occupation: Artist/instructor.

Marital Status: Single (occupied).

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Meshes in the Afternoon," "Maya Deren," "Metropolis" and "Contact."

Magazines I read regularly: PEI, Photo Electronic Imaging and Art Forum

Favorite authors: Diane Ackerman (The History of Our Natural Senses).

Favorite night on the town: Anything as long as it's with Dana.

Favorite restaurant: Sun Wah (Chinese takeout on Tidewater Drive in Norfolk) and No Frill Grill.

Favorite meal: Pasta.

What most people don't know about me: I still have not decided what to do when I grow up.

Best thing about myself: I get along with all different types of people.

Worst habit: Making piles of things rather than putting them away.

Pets: A dog and two cats.

Hobbies: Kayaking, sewing and tinkering with my 1970 convertible Ghia.

Ideal vacation: Going anywhere in the world and being able to stay with the people.

Pet peeves: The feel of wet clay in my hands.

First job: Teaching crafts at a yarn store in high school.

Worst job: Graphic artist doing layouts for government training manuals.

Favorite sports teams: None. I don't think sports people do enough for the regular guy.

Favorite musicians: OMD, Elvis Costello, Jackson Brown, Lauri Anderson, Elton John and Harry Chapin.

Most embarrassing moment: When I stepped in dog poop and walked around class all day trying to figure out who smelled — and finally realizing it was me several hours later.

How I would like to be remembered: Like most, with artwork that touches someone's soul.

If I received \$1 million: I would set up a scholarship fund for art students, buy a copy machine for the Old Dominion Center's art department and students, buy the trim pieces needed to finish my Ghia and share the rest with friends and family.

### Brod Bragert pays a visit

Brod Bragert, a nationally-known poet, performed his works at two assemblies at Windsor Woods Elementary School recently. The poet gave up his job as a trial lawyer after 21 years to author poetry books for children. He travels from New Orleans to schools all over the United States to entertain audiences from his eight books.



# On a roll: Bowling enthusiast brings attention to timely issue

## R.C. King raising funds violence

By Matthew Shanley  
Correspondent

R.C. King picked up the bowling ball, strode the few feet to the alley and launched the ball down the lane for a strike.

Fifteen seconds passed before another ball left King's hands for a strike, just one of thousands of strikes King will log in the coming days.

The Virginia Beach resident was trying to enter the Guinness Book of World Records yet again Friday at AMF Bowling Lanes on East Little Creek Road by breaking his own marathon record of 14 consecutive days of bowling.

When he leaves the alleys at noon on Feb. 14, the 49-year-old father of four hopes he also will have raised part of \$2 million in donations for and to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence.

King admitted physically and verbally abusing a woman he lived with for five years. He said that behavior is behind him now. He hopes that his R.C. King Foundation will help local organizations like the Norfolk YWCA to provide counseling for families involved in domestic violence, man a 24-hour confidential hotline, and distribute educational material on the subject.

"Every strike I make is a strike against domestic violence," King during one of the five-minute breaks he's allowed each hour. "It's not right. And men get abused as well. We shouldn't be hitting each other. It just shouldn't be there."



R.C. King

King's words were nearly drowned out by the bevy of recreational bowlers drinking beer and enjoying themselves a few lanes away, seemingly oblivious of the bespectacled crane operator on lane 58.

What wasn't hard to see was the supporting cast that joined King in his fund-raising efforts. Virginia Beach resident and co-worker Nino Brown kept score, Norfolk's Evelyn Bryant timed each game, and Norfolk's Samuel Pierce barked "ready, set, go" every 15 seconds.

That let Talbert Wilson of Norfolk know when to hand King the ball. A few seconds later, King strode confidently back to the end of the lane, alternately resting his forearms on the shoulders of volunteer helpers Kenisha Lewis and Cathy Miller.

"I'm not even a bowler,"

Miller said during a break. "I'm interested in because of the cause, but I'm learning a lot about bowling."

Overseeing the whole operation and the 80 volunteers who will assist King over the two-week period was Nedra Carr, armed with a stopwatch to make sure that King broke the 24-hour record. The old record stood at 53,510 pins before King unofficially broke it with a pin total of 53,548 by noon Saturday.

He bowled a total of 263 games in those 24 hours, rolling four balls per minute, averaging 13 games an hour, and bowling 141 games in which he averaged at least 200.

His highest score during that period was 299, his lowest 149. Despite a training regimen that included sleeping just two hours a day, all that bowling can take its toll. That's where Carr came in.

The Newport News resident is responsible for organizing the volunteers who massaged King's leg's every hour, supplied him with the 32-ounce bottles of water that he drank every two hours, and keeping tabs on the plastic boxes that contained complete changes of clothing.

Shoes and bowling balls are perhaps the most important element of King's record-breaking effort. When King set the record for most hours bowled in 1984, his feet ballooned from an 8 1/2 to an 11, and his hands swelled from overuse.

King's endurance left Wilson impressed.

"Even handling the ball, it gets heavy," admitted Wilson, who attends the Way of the Cross Church in Chesapeake with King. "He's giving of himself, his time and his effort to let people know that abusing women is not the right thing to do."

# Libraries respond to request

Continued From Page 1

which will be included in the proposed schools' 1998 referendum package.

The recommendations also include the construction of a two-story, 26,000 square-foot building on city property that would house the Bayside Library, the police department's third precinct and the removal of the bookmobile and services for the blind and visually-impaired to the Bayside location from Windsor Woods. This project would be included only if the third option were approved.

The cost, \$2,990,477, represents the net increase over the \$2,936,819 cost for the Bayside project in the no-tax option which would include a 15,000 square-foot building, including the bookmobile operation. The operating cost impact starting the first of 2002 would be \$172,657.

The no-tax option would cost a total of \$8,560,962 with an impact on the operating budget of \$1,072,919 a year.

It would include a new 16,000 square foot facility (Princess Anne Library) serving the General Booth corridor at a cost of \$3.2 million and \$1.1 million for collections; the renovation of the central library for \$263,000; the renovation of the Windsor Wood Library, \$1 million; as well as the Bayside Library, \$2.9 million and the Pungo-Blackwater Library/Creeks School.

The no-tax option focuses on the existing libraries with the most critical need for renovation and/or replacement — Windsor Woods, Bayside and the Central Library.

Block said that with the no-tax option the staff tried to come up with a basic plan, but that there are fiscal implications.

He said that the assumption had to be made that the library has a senior claim on revenue growth. He said that city would be committing to on-going annual costs of \$1.85 to \$1.9 million; other services and programs may be driven out because growth will be committed to libraries and charter books, which would bed, will be tight for the next couple of years.

The capital budget already has committed bonds to a new high school, a new Cooke Elementary School and the new Technical

Center. Also, he said, the library needs have not been ranked against other needs.

Also the construction of a 15,000-square-foot Bayside Library does not fulfill the estimated service capacity requirements for the Bayside Planning Area and the construction of a Cypress Point Area Library would still be needed to serve fully everyone in the planning area.

The Bayside Area Library would also be closed during construction.

The no-tax option does not address the need for electronic services, insufficient library service capacity in the Kempville, Bayfront, Little Neck and Holland planning areas; does not upgrade existing buildings in the Great Neck, Oceanfront and Kempville planning areas and assumes the new projects and renovations can be managed with existing staff in library administration.

The second proposal would provide basic service in electronic environment and renovation/replacement of remaining existing libraries, would cost \$5,122,104 in capital costs and \$2,464,438 in operating costs and would require a tax increase of 1.7 cents.

The second option builds on the first option and would include a 16,000-square-foot Oceanfront library on city service center land; the renovation, including a 2,000 square foot addition of the Great Neck Library; the renovation of the Kempville Library; basic staffing for an electronic environment and library system support.

The third option, which builds on the first two options would cost \$8,237,604 in capital costs and \$1,798,385 in operating costs, calling for a 1.2 cent tax increase.

It would include 19,000 square feet for the Green Run/Salem Library; Sunday hours at all libraries (only Kempville and the Central Library have Sunday hours now); cataloging services, collection management, and automated services. The two-story Bayside/Police Precinct option also would be included.

The fourth option, which builds on the first three, includes new libraries in Kempville (15,000 square-foot Centerville), in Bayside (12,000 square-foot Cypress

Point); 7,000 square foot Bayfront; 10,000 square-foot Little Neck; youth services/homeowner centers and collection management. The capital cost of \$15,788,454 and operating costs of \$4,763,284 would require a 2.2 cent tax increase.

Dr. K. Edwin Brown, assistant superintendent of schools, department of accountability and technology, pointed out how the schools and libraries already collaborate in numerous instances, including the planned shared school/library facility in the Pungo/Blackwater area.

The two agencies are exploring joint training opportunities; the public libraries donate to school libraries supervised reference titles; the Government Information Manual produced by the library department is provided to the school libraries; the school division published a director of library media personnel and provides copies for public library use. The schools and libraries participate in numerous other cooperative activities.

However, the differences in the two systems — public libraries serve the public at large while school libraries serve the curriculum of the respective schools — mean consolidation of all functions is not practical.

Brown said, for instance, that the schools act in " loco parentis," so school librarians honor parents' request, for instance, not to allow their children to read certain books.

Sims said security issues also are involved. One reason why the Princess Anne High School students' use of the public library was so successful was because they used the library starting at 7:30 a.m. before the regular library patrons came in.

In searching the literature, Sims said, the failure rate when the school and public libraries are combined is high. In the Pungo/Blackwater area, she said, it will work because it's a small community that is willing to work together. She said that one example of a combined library is at Manor High School in Portsmouth. She said she thought that "they would not consider that a successful project."

## Family entertainment

Family audiences will benefit from a special partnership between the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia and the First Colonial High School Theatre Ensemble.

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As part of a new emphasis on educational programming for families, the education department of the center invited the award-winning First Colonial High School Theatre Ensemble to present a special children's theatre production in conjunction with the current exhibition "Objectivity: International Objects of Subjectivity."

Cost is \$5 for an adult plus child; \$3 each additional child; \$6 "unaccompanied" adults. Call 425-0000 for reservations or visit the center at 2200 Parks Ave.

## Broad Bay installs new commodore

Virginia Beach sailboat skippers, crew and guests gathered at the Princess Anne Country Club recently to pass the helm of the Broad Bay Sailing Association and install new officers for 1998.

Taking over as commodore of BBSA for 1998 is Larry Holt, a catamaran sailor who lives in Belle Haven. Larry relieves Mark Arnold, a one-design mobjack sailor with several national titles to his credit. Mark will be rear commodore for 1998.

Installed as vice commodore for 1998 was Don Snyder, who was cruising fleet skipper in 1997. Nina Triebner was installed as secretary and Jack Henerberg as treasurer.

Other officers for 1998 including Racing Fleet Captain John McCarthy; Cruising Fleet Captain Fred Bashara; and One-Design Fleet Captains Barbara and Len

Guenther. Awards were made for 1997. Gordon Edwards was awarded the John Hoglund trophy for outstanding seamanship; Heidi Guenther the Junior Sailor of the Year trophy, Bob Mosby the

"Racing Skipper of the Year trophy and Mark Arnold the One-Design Skipper of the Year trophy. Keynote speaker for the evening Dr. Stuart R. Walker of Annapolis, Md., who has written several books on sailing.



CHANGE OF COMMAND. Mark Arnold, right, transfers the Commodore's flag of the Broad Bay Sailing Association to 1998 Commodore Larry Holt.

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# Centenarian had double reason to celebrate

## Marks citizenship, 106th birthday

By Sandra J. Barker  
Correspondent

On Jan. 31, 1892, little Consuelo Lopez Moreno made her entrance into the world. She was born in Tangier, a city in Morocco, on the northern tip of Africa and just across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain.

Now, 106 years later, Senora Moreno celebrated her birthday as a newly-naturalized citizen of the United States. She is proud of her new status, saying, "The American flag makes me very happy."

On Saturday, family and friends gathered in the home of Moreno's granddaughter, Maria Williams, in Virginia Beach, for a very special birthday party.

The guest of honor looked small and demure, sitting in a big chair in Williams' den. Her white hair was neatly combed and earrings glittered in her ears. A slight bruise colored her forehead, the only evidence of a fall earlier in the week. Her daughter, Maria Sanchez, 75, said, "She's in good shape. She doesn't have any aches or pain. Everything is normal, blood pressure, heart."

Moreno's eyes lit up and her mouth crinkled into a smile each time a new guest arrived. There were hugs and kisses and many wishes of "Feliz cumpleaños, Abuela," which means, "Happy birthday, Grandmother."

After being introduced to a non-Spanish speaking visitor, Moreno, who speaks very little English, looked up with a smile and said, "I love you."

Love in any language feels the same — warm and friendly. Such an atmosphere flowed throughout the five generations of Moreno's family and friends as they laughed and spoke animatedly with one another in the Spanish language.

Joanna Vallejo, a friend from Arlington, looked at Moreno with affection, saying, "She's very dear to me. She was my oldest son, George's babysitter for two and a half years, starting when he was eight months old. He'll be 29 this month. Everytime I see her, she says, 'How's George?'"

Moreno has become very dear to many people in the last century — two living children, 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson, Christopher Williams, 11, who said, "She's great! She's real nice."

In 1916, when Consuelo Moreno married Jose Romero (in Europe, women often keep their maiden name and thus she has remained a "Moreno"), she could not imagine the long, full life that lay ahead of her. Some years were good, and some were not so good. Her youngest son, J. Anthony

Romero III, who is commissioner of banking and financial institutions in Washington, D.C., said, "I remember my mother always wearing black. There was always somebody dying, somebody doing something."

Moreno gave birth to seven children, five of whom died as small children, adolescence or young adults. Her husband passed away when she was 50 years old and she worked in her home as a seamstress. Her son said, "She raised all of us and it was tough, but she never complained."

When asked what was the most important thing in her life, her daughter translated the words as Moreno answered, "My children."

What is her advice to the younger generation?

"Tell them not to smoke and not to drink. To the women, I can't give any advice except to rely on what God is going to do for them."

In 1958, her son immigrated to the United States from Morocco. After he became a U.S. citizen, he began to sponsor his relatives for immigration. When the papers were ready in 1964, Moreno flew by herself from Palermo to Washington, D.C.

She said, "People are more independent and free here. That's one of the reasons I love America, because of the freedom."

When her great-great grandson, entered the room, she asked her daughter, "Is Christopher an American? Christopher's grandmother assured her mother that he was indeed an American citizen."

Each day, Maria Sanchez, who lives in Virginia Beach, visits her mother at Sentara Nursing Home.

Until three years ago, Moreno spent many of her hours crocheting beautiful shawls for friends and relatives who were going to have a baby. Now, arthritis has gnarled her hands and makes such handwork too difficult. She still enjoys watching the Spanish channel on television, reading Spanish magazines and sharing her keen sense of humor with others.

Her son laughs as he remembers her words at his 67th birthday part last year.

"When I came here for my birthday, she looks at me and says, 'You know, tony... I said, 'Yes, Mother?' She said, 'You're getting older.'"

Consuelo Lopez Moreno Romero has never driven a car, ridden a bike or smoked a cigarette, but she enjoys a drop of Southern Comfort once in a while, and loves to play the lottery. She is a woman of many facets — as well as many years.

Above all, she loves her family and they love her. In fact, her son said, "We hope she lives forever."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRANNY. New U.S. citizen Consuelo Moreno, 106, is flanked by granddaughter Maria Williams and daughter Maria Sanchez at Moreno's birthday celebration last week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

A collection of works in a mixture of media, including pen, ink, graphite, colored pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic and gouache representing the best of the Indian River High School Art Department is on display at The Artists Gallery in Virginia Beach. The exhibition opened Jan. 27 and will be on view through Feb. 28. The gallery is located at 2407 Pacific Ave.

Open auditions will be held on Feb. 21 for an original musical review titled "Black Pearls." Needed are five women aged 20 to 60, three males, one aged 50 and two aged 20 to 30. This is a predominantly African-American musical review set in the 1920s. This show will be a workshop project of the Actors' Theatre in Pembroke Mall. You must be a

### Clubs

The Hampton Roads Internet Association will meet on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, in the auditorium on the first floor. Eric Ballard will talk about how Microsoft software interfaces with the Internet.

The Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Margaret Morton will speak on the Widowed Persons Service. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Visitors are welcome. Call 430-2646 or 428-1984.

### Education

Arrowhead Elementary School

will host its annual PTA book fair Feb. 9-13. Parent Night will be on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 3:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. A door prize drawing will be held for free books. The PTA Reflections Award Assembly will follow at 7 p.m.

The 11th Annual Step Team Recognition and Competition will be held at Brandon Middle School, 1700 Pope St., on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 366-4545.

Red Mill Elementary School will host a spaghetti, bread and salad feast on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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PUT TO THE TEST. Students competed against classmates for "jobs" at local businesses during a unique Career Day at John B. Dey Elementary.

## Youngsters get early jump on careers, real world challenges

By Anne Kirk

Correspondent

Fifth graders at John B. Dey Elementary left their classes one day last week to go job hunting. The children took part in an annual Career Day at their school, which 13 businesses visited to "interview" potential employees. The businesses are also Partners in Education with the school and are involved with other aspects of the children's education year round.

Almost 130 children took part in the exercise. They received a list of potential employers and job descriptions, then filled out a simple job application for the position they were interested in. The children chosen for the position will then "go to work" at that business for a day the first week of February.

Discovery Yacht Cruises attracted the applicants, but it had difficulty choosing employees. All the applicants were eager and willing.

"They had 40 kids apply," said school education coordinator Jan Bryson. "They basically just put the applications upside down and pulled out 20."

However, all the fifth graders will still be able to "go to work."

"If they don't get their first choice, they will be offered another position," Bryson said.

Another employer, David Beall, owner of Riverbend Books, faced a similar situation. He received 12 applications and only had eight positions.

"It's fun," he said of the interview process, "but we can never take all the kids. They are all bright, articulate, well-behaved and polite."

And that's what he was looking for, "basic personality, brightness, intelligence and reading habits." His employees will come in two sessions with four in each group. He plans to break them into groups of two and the employees will rotate



STARTING YOUNG? Sgt. First Class Gerald Sprague interviews future soldier Oscar Tjader-Arvidsson during John B. Dey Elementary's Career Day.

unpacking materials, shelving new books and using the cash register.

Beall just couldn't say no this time, he decided two more in each group would solve his problem of the other four application.

Even the Army had a hard time choosing. Student Bruce Bacle knows he wants to go into the Army. "I want to help America," he said. "I'm responsible and I'm getting ready to go to military school."

Bacle said he lives near Ft. Story and goes there with his dad to visit during the summer. He is particularly interested in the "hovercrafts and the big trucks." Gerald Sprague, from the 11th Transportation Battalion at Ft. Story, was also impressed with the children.

"These kids definitely have a plan," he said.

He said he looks to see if they are organized and focused, and "don't have to have their mom or dad constantly telling them what to do."

He said the children were "very professional" and also had a variety of interests, such as computers, books, sports and television only after chores and

homework were done.

The children who "go to work" at Ft. Story will also visit the Cape Henry Light House, ride in a Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo (LARC) Unit out into the Chesapeake Bay, have lunch in the mess hall and attend an award ceremony.

However, the Army wasn't for everyone and students Leigh Congdon and Kaci Midgette were more interested in working at Burger King.

"I want to see how it's done and how they make those great fries," Congdon said. Midgette agreed.

Another child wanted to go to Burger King because of the Mr. Potato Head commercial.

The parents of the children are also involved and they will provide transportation to and from work that day.

The 13 businesses who participated in Career Day were Burger King, Future Kids, Port Story 11th Transportation Battalion, McDonalds, Ben and Jerry's, Brownings Marine Inc., Princess Anne Bank, Aquarius Engineering, Pizza Hut, Riverbend Books, Charles Barker Toyota, Hallfield Chiropractic Clinic and Discovery Yacht Cruises.

## Suspects sought in biz robbery

Virginia Beach police need your help locating the thieves responsible for the larcenies that occurred at Affordable Homes in the 3100 block of Sacramento Drive.

The model homes were victimized numerous times from November through January. Items stolen from the garage area were to be used inside the model home. There was no forced entry. Items taken were a Whirlpool washer and electric range still in the box; white wood kitchen cabinets still in the box; white floor couch and loveseat; glass tables; iron and wood chairs; lamps; clocks; pictures with frames; white dishes and crystal glasses; rugs and figurines.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT

CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia v. Tony B. Mejia

Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia, Plaintiff v.

Tony B. Mejia, Defendant

CASE NO. CH98-226

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the said plaintiff to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on the grounds that parties have been separated without cohabitation and without interruption exceeding a period over one year.

It is ORDERED that Tony B. Mejia appear and protect his interest, on or before March 30, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Bill Maul, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT

CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: In the matter of the adoption of the minor child known as JASON JOY SEXTON

CASE NO. CA98-14

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for Step-parent adoption.

It is ORDERED that James Russell Sexton appear and protect his interest, on or before March 19, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Cindy Villalpando, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF UNION

IN THE FAMILY COURT

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jane and John Doe, Plaintiffs, vs

Amy Hamilton, and Guinevere J., a female caucasian born on November 23, 1987 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Alexandra J., a female caucasian born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, and Alisha J., a female caucasian born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia,

Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

97-DR-44-177

TO: DEFENDANT AMY HAMILTON:

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Union County on April 22, 1997 and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the grandmother of a caucasian female child born on November 23, 1987 Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a caucasian female child born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia and a female child born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notice are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 97-DR-44-177.

3. That if Notice of Contest, Increase or to otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at the Union County Courthouse, Union South Carolina and James Fletcher Thompson, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose address is 302 East St. John Street, Post Office Box 1853, Spartanburg, SC 29304, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any change of your address during the adoption proceedings.

4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitute your Consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above named children.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 20-7-1734, (E) of the Law. Co-Op. Supp. 1994.

JAMES FLETCHER THOMPSON

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### Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Mark King. Property is located at 625 Heron Point Circle. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Enterprise Rent A Car/Leasing Company of Norfolk/Richmond for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile rentals on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Cleveland Avenue. Said property is located at 5329 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 27,673.66 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Spirit, P.C.S. for a Conditional Use Permit for wireless communication cell tower on the west side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne road and contains 4.487 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of To-Go-Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals (U-Haul) at the northeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Newtown Road. Said parcel is located at 5630 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.015 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of TALC Associates, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on the north side of Newtown Road, east of Lynbrook Landing. Said parcel

is located at 875 Newtown Road and contains 21,649.32 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth R. Sims, c/o Custom Store Co., Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a contractor's storage yard at the southeast corner of Central Drive and Quality Court on Parcel 43, London Bridge Industrial Park II. Said parcel contains 9.911 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a Co-locate wireless communication antenna on certain property located at the southeastern intersection of S. Rosemont Road and Dam Neck Road. Said parcel contains 2.154 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENTS:

8. An Ordinance to amend the preamble of the Subdivision Ordinance pertaining to reference to Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia.

9. An Ordinance to amend the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to references to Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia. Sections amended are the Preamble and Sections 102(6), 103(d) and (e) (1), 106(a) and (b), and 107(c).

10. An Ordinance to amend the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance pertaining to references to Code of Virginia Section 15.2, §§ 110, 110(B) and 114(c).

11. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for George Newsome Luxury Homes L.L.C. Property is located at the southeastern extremity of Collins Lane. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAC City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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DEFAULT having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 24, 1993, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, VA, in Deed Book 3261, at page 681, and the undersigned, having been duly appointed as Substitute Trustee and having been requested so to do by the holder of the note secured, will proceed to sell at public auction for cash on February 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Circuit Courthouse, facing Courthouse Boulevard (Building 10), Virginia Beach Judicial Center, 2305 Judicial Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA, the property designated as Unit 925, in that certain condominium entitled D R I F T T I D E . A CONDOMINIUM, located in the City of Virginia Beach, VA, more particularly described in that certain Condominium Declaration recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2800, at page 1136, et seq.

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## Children's Festival of Song planned

The Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College will present "A Children's Festival of Song" at 4 p.m., Feb. 22 at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, Pacific Avenue at 19th Street.

In conjunction with the Choristers Guild-Tidewater Chapter, the concert will feature a Festival of Children of some 160 children, grades three through six, under the direction of Helen Kemp.

In addition, the Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus and the Virginia Children's Chorus will make their first joint appearance as they premiere a new anthem written by Kemp and commissioned by the center for this event. The two children's choruses will join with the Festival Choir for a closing anthem creating a massed choir of some 300 children.

Kemp has been a guest choral conductor in all 50 states, in five provinces of Canada, and throughout Europe. She has appeared on the programs of every major music's organization and religious denomination. She has written numerous books and articles and has prepared other instructional materials that have become standard resources.

Her choral compositions for children are widely performed. She has been of primary importance in guiding and shaping successful children's choirs in churches,

schools and communities around the world. Kemp is professor emeritus of voice and church music at Westminster Choir College.

The commissioned anthem, written by Kemp, is "A Song for the Sabbath" and is based on Psalm 92 ("It is good to give thanks to the Lord"). Its lively rhythms and joyful, energetic style are reminiscent of a Hebrew folk song and a driving tambourine part brings the work to an exciting conclusion.

The Children's Festival Choir includes some 160 children, grades three through six, from throughout the Hampton Roads area, including

the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Yorktown, Hampton and Newport News.

The Virginia Wesleyan Children's Chorus and the Virginia Children's Chorus are both auditioned regional choruses providing classical training in the music arts for children between the ages of 8 and 16. The VVWC is under the direction of Karen Glosser and the VCC is under the direction of Carol Thomas Downing.

For further details, call the center, 455-3376.

## Merz takes role as Big Brothers/Big Sisters leader

B. Gray Randolph, president of the board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads, has completed his term and handed the symbolic gavel over to Steven Merz of Armada/Hoffler.

Randolph served four years on the board, the last two as president. Merz has been on the board for two years and has served both as secretary and first vice president before being elected president.

"I look forward to this next year, and with the help of each board member, assisting the staff in meeting the goals of increased service to the community," Merz

said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads is an organization that strives to assist at-risk children from single parent households in reaching their full potential. There are currently more than 300 children in South Hampton Roads waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister.

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### Festival of crafts

Applications are available for the 1998 Spring Festival of Crafts. Pick up your application at any Virginia Beach Recreation Center or applications can be mailed upon request. This annual festival will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Dr. If interested in displaying and selling your crafts table fees are \$35 for members and \$70 for non-members. For further information, call Great Neck Recreation Center, 496-6766, TDD 471-5839.

### 'Around the Bay'

The Old Coast Guard Station at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach will present an art exhibit and sale by Popcorn artist Bill Hickok. "Around the Bay and Elsewhere" is an exhibit of maritime art opening Tuesday, March 3 and running through April 12. The museum is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for military and senior citizens and \$1 for young people aged 6 to 18.

### Volunteers needed

The Virginia Beach Older Adult Day Support Program needs volunteers with various skills. The program's goals are to help prevent or delay institutionalization of older adults with mental health problems. Volunteer needs include group leaders and assistants for games, discussion and exercise groups and outings; van drivers to transport elderly clients to and from the program; and arts and crafts instructors and assistants. The program's hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and volunteers can select days and times to suit their needs. Volunteers for this program should be sensitive to the needs of the elderly and be able to provide their own transportation to and from the program. The program is located off of First Colonial Road, a few blocks from Virginia Beach General Hospital. For further information contact Kathy Bullock O'Connor, 437-6116.

### Nature hike

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor a morning waterfowl-oriented program on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. A leisurely hike will be conducted with the purpose of viewing nature's migrating waterfowl. Longtime volunteer Fred Adams will lead. Participants are encouraged to bring field guides and binoculars. The program will start from the refuge's Visitor Contact Station located at the south end of Sandpiper Road in the Sandbridge community of Virginia Beach. There is no charge for this program, however, a refuge entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle or \$2 per hiker/biker is required. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the refuge, 721-2412.

### Association meets

The Virginia Beach Association for the Gifted and Talented (VBAGT) will hold its winter meeting at Old Donation Center, 1008 Ferry Plantation Rd. on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The program will include a discussion of the proposed initiatives for the Gifted Elementary Select School; the Visual and Performing Arts Select School and the Revised Elementary Resource Program. In addition, the Five Year Plan for Gifted and Magnet Schools will be reviewed. Contact the Old Donation Center, 473-5043 for more information.

### Poster contest

The Coast Guard is sponsoring a Harborfest art contest for children in grades kindergarten through five throughout the Hampton Roads area. The theme of this year's contest is "The Coast Guard and Me." The winners of the contest will be invited to ride on a Coast Guard cutter with their teacher during the Harborfest '98 Parade of Ships on June 5. Winners and their families will also be invited to view the Harborfest '98 fireworks show from the deck of a Coast Guard cutter moored downtown on the evening of June 6. All winning entries will be displayed at Harborfest '98. For additional information, contact Ed Burgh, 628-4522.

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The Jet Ski Advisory Committee has proposed city and state measures to make the operation of personal water craft (PWC) less objectionable to people, less damaging to the environment, and safer.

Local issues relate mostly to zoning, education and leasing, while state legislation would be required to raise the age of skiers, the requirement of a driver's license and related issues.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. who brought the PWC problem to the attention of council, represented council on the advisory committee with councilwoman Reba McClanahan, presented the proposals at a council work session Tuesday.

The issues, which council has the ability to address, immediately call for:

■ Council with the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance to make rental of any boat or watercraft a use that requires a conditional

use permit which would take approximately 90 days.

■ Copies of approved conditional use permits to be forwarded to the Marine Patrol Division of the Police Department for enforcement.

■ The city to not renew the lease/franchise for the 31st Street PWC rental operation.

■ No additional leases for PWC operation be awarded in the resort area.

■ Council to direct the city manager to make sure that appropriate slow/no wake signs and channel markers are placed throughout the city.

■ Council to direct the city manager to enforce the use permit condition on the PWC rental at Henry's Restaurant which provides that all operations of jet skis rented from that site shall be in the Chesapeake Bay area, outside of Lesner Bridge.

■ Council to make any further leases for personal watercraft rental operations a requirement that the rental operation

employees show evidence of attending the education program prepared for PWC operators, a six-hour course prepared by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and others.

The city also should require that rentals of personal watercraft be made only to persons who can prove they are 16 years or older and have a valid driver's license.

■ The mayor to send a letter to John Stasko, refuge manager at Back Bay, requesting that he make all of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge off limits to personal watercraft operation.

Bills have been introduced in the General Assembly that would cover all the issued raised by the PWC report. Included in the committee report:

■ The committee would request the General Assembly to amend the State Code to provide that jet skis cannot be operated by individuals under the age of 16, and that individuals over the age of 16 who operated a jet ski must have a valid driver's license. Exceptions would

be allowed for those between the ages of 14 and 16 who can show evidence that they have completed the safe PWC operators course.

■ Another amendment would require that convictions for DUI or reckless boating be put on the driving record abstract. No points would be attached to these infractions.

■ The city's General Assembly delegation also would be requested to ensure that the current practice of renting a jet ski at the oceanfront but actually operating it from Seashore State Park will be prohibited.

Also, under the proposals, PWC rental operators would be required to have a minimum of \$2 million liability insurance (from \$1 million); the General Assembly delegation would be requested to pursue legislation to require the letter "R" to be made part of the registration number of rental personal watercraft, and

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## Development alliance predicts 3,000 new jobs in '98

By Lee Cahill  
City Council Reporter

The Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) has forecast the creation of 3,000 new jobs in 1998 from companies recruited to Hampton Roads.

Hans Gant, alliance president, told City Council at a work session Tuesday that 1998 should be a fruitful year for Hampton Roads with the alliance's prospect pipeline continuing to fill with companies that the alliance would like to locate or expand in the region.

A Target Industry Study by the Wadly Donovan Group with Mark Waterhouse and Bill Frederick, consultants, expected to be finished by June, will spell out criteria for the types of companies the region wants to attract, Gant said. The alliance is looking for the kinds of companies that will pay at least \$11.50 an hour and make a capital investment in 1998 of \$200 million.

The consultants also have been instructed to evaluate the region's competition and to identify the areas in this region that need improvement.

Since the organization was formed on July 1 and some time was spent on structuring, 1998 will be the first full year of operation.

Gant also announced that Isle of Wight County has joined the five South Hampton Roads cities in the public/private organization. The five cities agreed to a \$1 per capita funding to generate over \$5 million over a five-year period, and the private sector has committed \$6 million over the five years to create a \$11 million fund.

The five mayors and six members from the private sector make up the board of directors. Bill Butler, president of Crestar Bank, is 1998 chairman.

The goal of the organization is to recruit the kinds of companies to

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## 700 make a splash during icy Atlantic dip for special cause

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

It was time to "take the plunge" and the minor details of gray skies, whipping winds, a cold biting drizzle and an angry, churning surf did not stop hundreds of people from jumping into the frigid Atlantic Ocean on Saturday.

With loud whooping and hollering, about 750 people charged into the 44-degree water at 40th and Atlantic in Virginia Beach for Polar Plunge VI to raise money for Virginia Special Olympics.

Walt Boronczyk, a new manager at Red Lobster in Hampton, took the plunge with other area managers. It was his first time, but definitely not the last.

"We will be back," he said. "This time we only went about half way in, but next time we'll be shaking hands with the lifeguards (stationed waist-deep in case of emergency)."

Boronczyk said the water temperature was "fine." He recently moved here from Plattsburg, N.Y., about 20 miles south of the Canadian border.

His children, Amanda 12, Lacey, 10, and Caitlin, 6, came to cheer him on. They already knew how cold the water could be.

"They took swimming lessons in water that was 50 degrees," Boronczyk admitted.

The children didn't seem too interested in taking the plunge, but enjoyed watching Dad and the others. "It was funny, they looked like chickens," Amanda said.

Although many of the plunger were first-timers or "rookies," other plungers have been around since the beginning of the event, which was started in 1992 by the Adventure Club.

Ron Reynolds lives at the oceanfront and participates in the event every year.



Photo by Aune Kirk

BRII More than 700 brave souls took the plunge Saturday for the Special Olympics. The fund-raiser challenges "plungers" to take an icy dip in the Atlantic.

His team is called "Plungers From Da Hood." The group identifies themselves by wearing bandannas and the names of all the people who sponsor them written in body paint on their chests and backs. Besides being "one heck of a good

time," the reason for taking the plunge was unanimous. "We do it for the kids," Reynolds said.

He said the water was "warm today compared with past years," and he usually goes in about waist deep.

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## Mikey's story debuts on '20/20'

Television show follows Beach boy's brave fight against rare condition

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

Michael "Mikey" Walker bounced into his classroom Monday morning grinning from ear to ear. The 6-year-old had brought his new "invisible friends" to school, and they were going to spend the whole day with him.

"They" were an ABC news team from "20/20," who came to Thalia Elementary to film the youth in his school environment. The crew had already spent Sunday at his house and followed him to school on Monday.

"He wants to show off for the camera, so I told him to pretend that they were invisible," explained his mother, Angela.

Needless to say, the youngster tried his best to pretend the camera wasn't there. He concentrated fully on the colorful classroom activities, listened carefully to

his teacher and participated as usual. But every now and then a big smile spread across his face and his eyes lit up.

The boy has a condition known as congenital erythropoietic porphyria, making him hypersensitive to ultraviolet rays. Even the slightest exposure can cause Walker's delicate skin to blister.

Because of that, his access to activities young children take for granted is curtailed. At school, the shades in his classroom are drawn and he cannot participate in outdoor recess or fire drills.

But Walker has a good reason to be happy. Besides being a star for a few days, he will soon be able to go outside for recess and visit the beach during the day instead of at night thanks to a new "cool suit" designed by NASA.

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Photo by Aune Kirk

WORKING IT OUT. Although Mikey Walker, right, cannot tolerate sunlight, he is content to work indoors in artificially lit classrooms. The youth was filmed earlier this week for an upcoming segment on "20/20." He will soon receive a "cool suit" that will allow him to play outside.



# Commentary

PAINT YOUR HEART OUT, HAMPTON ROADS!

## A coat of goodwill

Regionalism is a hot topic in Hampton Roads these days — the subject of some contentious debate.

One of the annual efforts falling into the regional melting pot, however, is good news to all — Paint Your Heart Out Hampton Roads. Rotary clubs in all South Hampton Roads cities joined hearts and hands Thursday to kick off the project.

Begun in 1991 by the Chesapeake Rotary Club, members in Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Suffolk and Virginia Beach will participate this year in painting homes for elderly and low-income homeowners in their respective cities. To date, 210 homes have been painted, bringing a brighter future to elderly citizens.

South Hampton Roads' mayors should be commended for supporting the cause. Representing their cities this week during a Paint Your Heart Out kick-off rally in Virginia Beach, they accepted the roles of honorary chairpersons and lifted brushes to apply the ceremonial first lick. They also declared April 25 as Paint Day in their respective cities.

They year, the combined effort will total 100 homes in one day — homes that otherwise might not get the care because their owners are on small, fixed incomes. The result is enhanced pride in ownership and better-looking neighborhoods.

Without the support of volunteers, who get the grunt work done, and businesses that donate the necessary supplies, the project would not be possible.

This is the public's chance to make a difference in the lives of elderly citizens and toward working together as a region. Give from the heart — time on Paint Day, monetary contributions and/or supplies, or as an office worker. You can even nominate the home of a low-income senior citizen for painting. For more information, call 489-PYHO.

And remember, Paint Your Heart Out Hampton Roads! — V.E.H.



**SPREAD CHEER.** Paint Your Heart Out workers find a da here and out there does wonders.



## Neither sex nor scandal can stop war

Well, it won't be long before we won't be hearing about Jennifer Flowers, Monica Jones, Monica Lewinsky and all of the rest of the

president's women. No longer will independent counsel Kenneth Starr and the Whitewater investigation take first page in the papers or on television. The House Campaign Reform Committee will come to a stop and all of Bill Clinton's

personal problems will be forgotten.

Nobody will care if "Charlie Tye," a close friend of Clinton's, has been indicted for giving and arranging illegal political contributions to the Democratic National Committee to buy access to Clinton and other top officials. Pickar, killer Karla Faye Tucker will be past history. Oprah Winfrey's slander trial will slip to the back pages of the papers.

The trials of the drill sergeants accused of sexual misconduct will never get the full course because the Army will need them to fight when we attack Iraq. Recent "developments" about what caused the death of Princess Diana will also be dropped from the papers and television. Nothing more will be written about Al Gore, who doesn't know a Budini Temple from a McDonald's hamburger stand.

I say all of the above because we are going to war as sure as God made little green apples.

It is to Clinton's advantage to divert attention away from himself. He should have done something about Saddam a long time ago, but now we see that he had a lot of other things to keep him busy — like visits and telephone calls from Monica Lewinsky, golfing with his pal Vernon Jordan, trips to Camp David, and meetings with his lawyers trying to straighten out all of the allegations against him. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and U.N. representative "blubber butt" Bill Richardson are all running around like chickens with their heads cut off, wringing their hands and telling Saddam Hussein "That's unacceptable," while all the time he is laughing at them.

But we have no need to worry. We have one ally, according to Clinton's pal, "limpy" Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has pledged the support of Great Britain in the event of an attack on Iraq. Blair was a joke during a press conference last week. He had been well briefed by Clinton and his lawyers. He said that Clinton was his friend and that he had done nothing wrong.

Well, he has only known Clinton for about eight or nine months. How does he know whether he is lying or not? It's the same old Clinton spin. Welcome to the real world.

## Traditions give way to change

The times they are a' changin' — and I'm afraid not for the better.

Allow me to wax poetic for a few moments about late, great Tidewater landmarks that we've seen come and go over the years.

The first that comes to mind is Smith and Welton. I miss the whole chain with its reasonably priced apparel, friendly sales staff and down-home attitude. More specifically, though, I miss the whole chain with its reasonably priced apparel, friendly sales staff and down-home attitude.

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there. Izzy, our affable salesman, always had a lollipop and balloon for the youngsters — reward for patience in shoe shopping.

Who knows if youngsters of today will ever know the joy of a visit to a seaside amusement park here, but Ocean View, Buckroe and Virginia Beach all had them. Memories of each blur into one happy, colorful collage of innocent youth riding cotton candy and automobiles, pink toilet candy and fistfuls of tickets to visit the attractions.

I cried the day that the Ocean View rollercoaster was blown up. But she didn't go without a fight. They had to double blast her and eventually bring in the bulldozers to help bring the venerable wooden lady down.

Visits to Portsmouth were a rare treat when I was growing up. Mom and I would either hop the bus, or preferably the ferry, and embark on a High Street shopping spree. Dollars were liberally spent at The Famous, Leggett's and Woolworth's.

What young girl didn't dream of a prom dress from The Famous? I certainly did, and Mom was kind enough to indulge my desire. Woolworth's was the favorite spot for a young girl with a few dollars in her pocket, and plenty of school outfits made their way home with me from Leggett's.

At least the Leggett's building has found new life as the Children's Museum of Virginia, and The Famous is TCC's new Visual Arts Center. Sadly, Woolworth's still sits vacant, awaiting a new occupant and new life.

My bittersweet ramblings down Memory Lane are laced with melancholy. I know that if we are to grow,

we must change. But I don't think that has to mean traditions must be pushed aside.

Yet that is happening all around us. Mom and I, having no more Woolworth's to visit for our "five and dime" needs, took to visiting the Eagle store on 21st Street in Norfolk. This was bought out by Maxway, which we became accustomed to visiting.

Then, during a visit last month, we learned that Maxway was closing, too, and the store would be converted to office space. In the same week my favorite Dollar General in Norfolk closed as well.

It was a bad week for retailers, and a sad week for folks like me who had to say farewell to some old friends.

Now comes the news that Norfolk City Council has OK'd Old Dominion University expansion down Hampton Boulevard. While I applaud ODU's efforts to higher education, I feel for the dozens of businesses that will be razed in the face of growth. This was, after all, my old stomping ground.

I suppose it's goodbye to Gray's Pharmacy, which has been tending to the medical needs of residents for decades. It's one of the few shops that still delivers medicine and has a special compassion for its senior customers.

It's "hasta la vista," too, to Anthony's and its excellent grocery, later to Westside Wine Shop and "so long," I imagine, to any number of fast food establishments. I guess even the 4400 Club will make way for progress. Golly, where will the college students party?

Change comes at a price, I just wish the cost wasn't so high.

## Heartfelt symbols for swooning

It's probably next to impossible for anyone who is a part of our culture to view a red heart pierced with Cupid's arrow and not be immediately re-visited by the memory of Valentine's Day.

The symbols that we have come to associate with Valentine's Day are unmistakable. We recognize the heart, at least symbolically, as the seat of the emotions, and the color red we associate with vibrant life — passion. Cupid's arrow we identify with the often untimely rupture of love.

Aside from the punctured heart of love, there are other highly conventional images that have become an integral part of our Valentine's Day tradition as well.

The red rose, favorite flower of Venus the Roman goddess of beauty and love, represents the intense feelings and fiery desire of lovers. And the dove, also associated with Venus, is a symbol of the soul; in addition, this gentle bird represents purity, innocence and fidelity. Doves, of course, make for life; surprisingly, some humans have even taken up that ornithological idiosyncrasy.

Paper lace on today's cards and candy boxes suggests the lace handkerchiefs that ladies of antiquity would discreetly drop to encourage

romance with gentlemen to whom they might feel an attraction. Any real gentlemen would retrieve the "lost" hanky and dutifully return it to the lady. With any luck, that gentleman would have been the "target" that the lady had in mind.

Other romantic icons such as elaborate love knots and engagement rings characterize love with no beginning or end, love eternal.

At one time, Valentine's Day was a very popular day on which to become engaged; a ring with a stone or jewel represented both eternal love and the cycle of life. A diamond, in a stroke of marketing genius, became the rather expensive emblem of commitment. Hands and gloves are also symbolic of love and affection. To "ask for a lady's hand" is to propose marriage, and to hold hands with someone clearly indicates fondness. Because of their association with the lady's hand, gloves also have become an element of Valentine's Day imagery.

Yet, sadly, the foremost symbol of Valentine's Day is not nearly as widely recognized as any of today's prevailing representations.

Our modern observance of Valentine's Day, of course, has its roots in the dim recesses of ancient antiquity, and the origins of our contemporary rite can be traced back to Rome of the third century A.D. during the reign of deranged emperor Claudius II.

The demoted emperor required soldiers for his legions, and he believed that married men made poor soldiers since they were reluctant to leave their families when called to battle. Seeking to replenish the ranks of his legions, Claudius simply abolished marriage in an effort — in his

mind — to improve the quality and quantity of his army.

Needless to say, the emperor's proclamation was not popular. But Claudius was never overly concerned with his popularity. He was, however, passionately determined to see that his dictum was obeyed.

When Claudius learned that Valentine, the bishop of Interamna, had secretly encouraged young lovers to appear before him to be wed, the enraged emperor ordered that Valentine be seized and brought before him.

Claudius was so impressed with the young priest's nobility and conviction that he attempted to persuade him to accept the Roman gods in order that he might spare him execution. Valentine, however, refused to renounce Christianity; he was beaten, scorned and decapitated on Feb. 14, 270.

While awaiting execution, legend contends that Valentine became extremely fond of the blind daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Miraculously, Valentine was able to restore the sight of the jailer's daughter and later a farewell message just before his execution. The note, according to tradition, was signed "From your Valentine."

The martyred Valentine, of course, became a symbol himself — first as a friend to young lovers and later as a symbol of the Church's triumph over paganism.

On Valentine's Day, whether we realize it or not, we commemorate the conviction and nobility of that young bishop of Interamna who befriended lovers. In addition, we celebrate that universal human emotion that seems to make the world go 'round.

## Licensed to learn

By Lt. Governor John Hager

As I was traveling through Virginia during my campaign for lieutenant governor, I encountered a truck driver in Emporia who expressed concern over the dangers many teen drivers bring to our highways.

Whether it was speeding, passing recklessly or simply inexperience on the road, the truck driver has seen it all. He wanted Virginia to find some way to help teen drivers gain good driving experience and provide real consequences for bad driving.

I listened to that truck driver in Emporia and many other Virginians like him. I worked with organizations like AAA in my push to craft a Virginia response to this growing problem. I learned even more about the teen driving issue and the dangers associated with it.

For instance, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among 15- to 20-year-olds. Nationwide, more than 6,000 teens died in automobile accidents. That is more than 17 each day or more than the teen death toll from drugs, AIDS, and gun violence combined. Additionally, while drivers ages 15-20 make up only 7 percent of licensed drivers, they account for 20 percent of drivers in vehicle accidents. Sadly enough, in Virginia during 1996, 238 young motorists lost their lives and more than 23,000 were injured.

If you look at 16-year-olds alone, the statistics show that 16-year-olds are in accidents at a rate nearly eight times the average for all drivers. And the crashes among young drivers are different because a much higher proportion of 16-year-old drivers are responsible for their fatal crashes as compared with other drivers.

We looked at what other states were doing and we listened to the people of Virginia in designing a plan appropriate for our state. The Virginia plan is a reasonable approach that targets those who are in danger to themselves and others, but doesn't penalize safe drivers. The bill recognizes that 15-18

year olds are more likely than others to be involved in traffic accidents, many involving fatalities. Younger drivers are over-represented in traffic crashes because they are inexperienced and they are more likely to engage in "risky" driving. It is poor judgment and risky driving behavior we want to get at with this bill.

The bill would provide 15-18 year olds with learner's permits/driver's licenses subject to enhanced penalties should moving violations occur. For instance, on the first conviction, in addition to the penalty handed out by the court, the under-18-year-old driver would be directed to attend a driver improvement clinic.

For the second moving violation, the license would be suspended for 90 days. And for the third violation, the license would be revoked for a period of one year or until the person reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer.

The bill would also limit the number of under-18-year-old passengers to no more than three, in addition to the under-18-year-old driver, once the under-18-year-old driver has been convicted of a moving violation. Exceptions would exist for those teens needing to carpool to work or transport siblings.

There are no nighttime driving restrictions in the bill.

We have had a tremendous response to this proposal. Many parents have called or written to express their enthusiastic support. We have a solid coalition of parents, highway safety, law enforcement, medical and insurance organizations working for passage of the bill.

With passage of this proposal, Virginia would join a nationwide effort to focus special attention on young, inexperienced drivers.

As the mother of an irresponsible teen driver said, "I don't want to be burying my child, or anyone else's family because of his child."

My "Licensed to Learn" proposal truly is a license for life. The proposal will penalize those teen drivers who disobey the law. In the process, we will save lives.

### Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

downtown Norfolk location. The room was a favorite lunchtime haunt for Mom and me. The chicken salad was legendary, the fluffy rolls divine and the piquant cheese sandwiches out of this world.

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## Lovers' holiday rooted in legend of Valentine

There really was a Saint Valentine, patron saint of lovers. In fact some historians believe there were two. The story goes...

A priest, a certain Valentine of Rome, was killed around 269 during the persecution ordered by Claudius the Goth. It is reported that the Emperor Claudius forbade people to marry because he wanted all men to be free to fight for Rome as soldiers.

### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyers Oberdorf

encouraged young lovers to be married by him in a secret ceremony with the blessing of the church. It is also reported that he assisted Christian martyrs during their persecution under the Emperor Claudius.

Since this was a crime and when the secret marriages were discovered, the priest Valentine was thrown into prison and later beaten with clubs, then stoned and finally beheaded. The second Valentine killed was a bishop of Terni. They were both beheaded on Feb. 14 on the Flaminian Way, one near Rome, the other near Terni.

Historians differ as to there being two Valentines killed in the same way, on the same day and on the Flaminian Way. It is thought that possibly one man was taken from one city to the other for execution. However, the religious significance of the day is now overshadowed by the customs associated with St. Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine's Day is a day to remember a very special person by sending a token of affection, a paper valentine, a heart-shaped box of chocolates, flowers, etc. It's a day set aside for Cupid and his bow, an exchanging of vows from one sweetheart to another, a message saying "I care."

This tradition stemming from the early Roman began in the late Middle Ages and has been popular ever since. The making and sending of valentines in this country began during the

middle of the 18th century.

When the postal system was organized, mailing of valentines became a common practice, and now the greeting card companies print millions of valentines each year with romantic and/or comic messages.

Children in elementary schools usually exchange valentines with their classmates, and adults oftentimes hold their weddings on this special day. Messages are also sent to Valentines by way of the classified ads.

At the present time a dozen long-stemmed roses costs around \$47. In 1988, that same dozen of long-stemmed roses cost \$59.25. Regardless of what is said, some things are better now than in the good old days.

Different countries around the world celebrate this day in various ways:

Denmark - Young people exchange pressed snowdrops and original poems. A Garbkeber, a humorous message, can also be sent and is signed with dots. One dot for each letter of the sender's name. If the recipient guesses the correct name, they are sent a candy egg at Easter.

Germany and Austria - American servicemen spread the custom of sending valentines by giving flowers to their sweethearts on Feb. 14.

Spain - Sweethearts exchange gifts and wives receive flowers from their husbands.

Italy - In Turin, Italy, engagements are announced on Feb. 14 and little china baskets and cups filled with candies and tied with ribbon are sold in the Confraternity shops for valentine gifts.

Japan - Boys in the classroom without a sweetheart are given special candies as a gift from the girls in the class.

Eleanor Graham in "Happy Holidays" says, "St. Valentine can grant a wish for you, but he does not do so for everyone. If you want to try, write your wish very small on a thin piece of paper and roll it in a little piece of clay. Throw this into a bowl of water. If the paper escapes and comes to the surface - without any help from you, you will get your wish."

In early times valentines may have been made by hand with loving care. Now most valentines are preprinted, but it's the sentiment behind this symbolic token of love and courtship that counts. From then until now, sending valentines is a harmless and sometimes amusing way of showing that we care and for keeping in touch with family, friends and sweethearts.

with Public Sector Facilities." Selengut and Dic Erb of Cayuga Hospitality Advisors will lead a final discussion on ecotourism resort development, sharing their insight and lessons learned from developing a resort with minimal ecological impact.

Developed by the Virginia Beach Departments of Convention and Visitor Development and Parks and Recreation, the Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium is sponsored by the Virginia Marine Science Museum, the Colonial Inn and the Old Dominion University Entrepreneurial Center.

Symposium registration is \$28, with a special \$12 rate for students. The registration fee includes all programs, a luncheon, networking reception and admission to the Virginia Marine Science Museum, recently named one of the nation's Top 10 most attended marine science aquarium facilities.

Organizers will also be giving away prizes good for accommodations at Maho Bay Camps in the U.S. Virgin Islands, courtesy of Stanley Selengut and a West Virginia white water rafting excursion, compliments of class VI River Runners.

To receive a symposium registration form by mail, call the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, 437-4919 or 1-800-446-8028. Attendance is limited to the first 200 applicants; advance registration is requested.

## Youth intervention grant awarded

The state Department of Criminal Justice has granted the Youth Intervention Team \$67,300. This grant proposal was approved through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Law Enforcement Assistance Program. \$50,475 will be provided from federal funds; \$16,825 will be provided by the city of Virginia Beach's General Fund.

The Youth Intervention Team is

a joint effort of the Department of Social Services, CARE and the police department. The Youth Intervention Team is made up of teens who are trained in communication skills, conflict mediation, diversity, customer service and first aid.

To become a team member call Dr. Susan Dye, 427-4533 (TDD: 427-4305).

## Up close and personal

### Linda Woods: Love among the stacks

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Looking for just the right place to plant a peck on your loved one this Valentine's Day?

The looking just got easier with Linda Woods' newly-published "A Romantic's Guide to Hampton Roads." Sure to stir the heartstrings, the collection of amorous activities and irresistible destinations debuted last week — just in time for lovers to pick their perfect holiday rendezvous.

Woods, a first-time author, says romance can be found sipping coffee over "bagelutz" treats at Brutt's in Portsmouth or atop the Old Cape Henry Lighthouse with its stunning view of the Chesapeake Bay. If starlight is the recipe for romance, sweethearts can take in a twinkling show at the Chesapeake Planetarium.

Woods, a native New Englander who moved here five years ago, found exploring Hampton Roads' romantic getaways was the best way to learn the area.

"I was really taken by the fact that there were so many things to do. It seems particularly geared for tourists. Because it is there are all these wonderful things to do, places to visit, museums, water parks, Busch Gardens," she said.

"Because I've been exposed to a lot of the military community and was so often seeing people coming into the area who knew nothing about it, they'd subsequently leave not experiencing half of it. Even my boyfriend, who has lived here most of his life, has never heard of many places in the book — Knotts Island, Fort Monroe, etc."

However, Woods didn't want to pen another travel guide. It had to have an angle.

"I came up with the idea of a romantic's guide, and when there was the chance that I could have the book completed and out before Valentine's Day it fueled the idea. I suppose it comes from being a romantic, seeing everything through those lenses, and being fortunate enough to have somebody in my life willing to try new things."

Research began with trips to potentially romantic destinations. On Sundays, Woods and her boyfriend John would pile into the car and explore the unknown. They got to know not only new places, but each other better.

"You can take a free Saturday and Sunday and do the same old things you always do — go to a movie, dinner, a club or bar — or you can try something totally new. It was in doing those new activities that we learned more about each other. The whole act of discovering new things was really fun," Woods said.

John proved a willing guinea pig for Woods' adventures. She remembers that a trip to the Great Dismal Swamp in mid-summer proved particularly "buggy," no thanks to swarms of summer mosquitoes. She suggests trips to the swamp be made in fall or spring, when the bug population is less likely to make a romantic getaway an itchy experience.

Their Knotts Island adventure proved particularly romantic.

"Martin's Orchard on Knotts Island was just wonderful. It was perfect — a warm summer day, not too hot, sunny. The whole drive through Pungo and over the causeway was gorgeous. We finally found Martin's, pulled up the long driveway, and Mrs. Martin was standing out front in a sun dress and big hat."

"Her daughter and some friends were having a little bake sale under a big tree. There's a big white house with water in the background and the smell of peaches fills the air. We picked out peaches using a step stool and wicker basket, then walked to the house and visited the winery. It was the perfect, interesting, romantic day," she smiled.

Woods calls a trip to The Commodore Theatre "a feast for the senses." The popular Portsmouth gathering place combines dinner and a movie into one experience. Movie-goers can relax in the restored 1940s theater with crystal chandeliers while sipping Cabernet and watching the latest flicks.

If you're "fishing" for romance, Woods also suggests grabbing a partner and taking a stroll on the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier. During the day it's packed with anglers, but later the pier is an ideal place to enjoy a fiery sunset.

Chesapeake's planetarium, which features free shows on Thursday evenings, is a celestial getaway. The Virginia Beach Planetarium has similar offerings.

"If you're imaginative, you can actually feel you're in outer space. There's something relaxing about that — informative, entertaining, dreamy. The seats recline. In fact, I was so relaxed at one that I fell asleep," she confessed.

Woods believes that learning together can also spark romance. She suggests couples enroll in education classes, whether scuba diving, pottery or welding. Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach each offer adult education programs, while the YMCA and recreation centers are other options.



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Linda Woods, author

A freelance writer and assistant editor of *Racing Milestones* magazine, Woods says that eating out is a romantic adventure in itself. La Galleria and Freemason Abbey in Norfolk are particular favorites. In Virginia Beach, she opts for the Lynnhaven Fish House.

Working up an appetite in the great outdoors is particularly romantic. Hiking at Back Bay or False Cape State Park are described, as are camping in a cabin in the woods at Seneca Campground near Pungo.

"Any time you're hiking or walking into the wilderness is pretty adventurous. In fact, anything you've never done before and get in the car to go to is adventurous. Spontaneous is fun," she said. "Survival is romantic."

Woods' book is selling well since its release. Last weekend's book signing at Barnes and Noble in Virginia Beach boosted it, and more events are planned this weekend.

Though she lists hundreds of romantic Hampton Roads destinations, Woods feels the list is by no means complete. The current volume is "pretty light" on Peninsula spots, and she's already talked with the publisher about future editions.

"The Romantic's Guide to Hampton Roads" (Brandywine Publishers) retails for \$11.95. Woods will sign copies Friday (today) at Prince Books in Norfolk from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Chesapeake from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday she will be on hand at Riverbend Books from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mahi Mah's from 7 to 9 p.m., both in Virginia Beach.

Name: Linda Woods.

What brought you to this area: My sister married a man in the Navy and invited me to come to Virginia Beach to visit. I never left.

Hometown: West Boylston, Mass.

Age: 29.

Nickname: I don't have one.

Occupation: Assistant editor of *Racing Milestones* magazine.

Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Strictly Ballroom" and "Field of Dreams."

Magazines I read regularly: *Racing Milestones*, *Harper's Magazine* and *Time*.

Favorite authors: I could never pick a favorite author, but the writers I read most are Don DeLillo, Ellen Glickst, Lorrie Moore and Tim O'Brien.

Favorite night on the town: A perfect night includes dinner and a long walk on the beach.

Favorite restaurant: I love any restaurant that has a casual atmosphere and lots of fresh seafood.

Favorite meal and beverage: Give me all-you-can-eat crab legs and beer any day!

What most people don't know about me: That I am a writer.

Best thing about myself: My willingness to listen to others.

Worst habit: I let people with bad manners and poor driving skills get under my skin.

Pets: None, but I hope to have a beagle someday.

Ideal vacation: I dream of spending a week or more on a quiet Caribbean island with nothing to do but swim, read, write and relax.

Pet peeves: People with bad manners, especially on the roadways.

First job: When I was 16, I was a cashier at a pharmacy.

Worst job: For an entire summer vacation I spent eight hours a day, five days a week filling hundreds of 5.5 x 5 inch index cards in alphabetical order.

Favorite sports teams: I don't follow sports.

Favorite musicians: I love great singers. I especially enjoy jazz vocalists like Ernestine Anderson or Mark Murphy.

How I would like to be remembered: As a loving person who helped other people.

If I received \$1 million: I would buy a little house with a garden and enroll in classes. There is still a lot I want to learn about literature, art and philosophy.

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# Historian has both feet in two worlds

By Bob Ruegger  
Correspondent

Thomas Sledge can probably identify with Charles Dalton, the hero from Mark McManis' adventure novel "William'sburg's Nicholson Street."

Dalton, an archaeologist engaged in excavating a site in Williamsburg, finds himself bouncing back and forth in time between two worlds — the dissimilar domains of the 18th and 20th centuries.

Sledge often finds himself in a similar predicament.

During the regular work week, Sledge is a 20th-century social studies teacher at Great Bridge High School. On most weekends, Sledge enters another realm, the world of the historic re-enactor and living history interpreter.

Why is Sledge so involved in history? What is his mission?

"I look at it this way," he says. "I have to tell the story of a people, my people, a story that's never really been told by anybody."

"I try to cover those periods in history. When I do the colonial period, I talk about colonial slavery. When I do the Revolutionary War, I talk about the role the African-Americans played in the Revolutionary War. I even go up into modern times,

World War I and World War II."

Sledge thinks it is "vital that young African-Americans know that they have contributed to building American society."

"We, as a people, made a contribution to society, and the we were not just slaves on plantations," he observes. "That's just the way I look at it," he adds.

Although Sledge looks to the future, he refuses to forget the past.

"I'm looking to my future, but you just can't forget your past and put it behind you," he reasons. "Your past is important," he insists. "My ancestors — and your ancestors also — they helped shape the future for us," he observes. "If my ancestors hadn't done what they did, we might still be a race of slaves," he speculates.

"We had people who fought for their freedom in every way that they could. Some did it as soldiers, and some did it as civilians," contends Sledge.

"Hopefully, I can help shape the future of the young black people that are growing up now," he says.

Sledge wants young black people to be proud of what their slave ancestors did rather than ashamed. He wants everyone to be aware of the contributions that all ethnic groups have made in building our nation.

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Thomas Sledge, historian

Another of Sledge's favorite historic periods is the Civil War area. He feels that the civil rights movement had its real beginnings during the period that led up to the War Between the States. Several of the men that he admires most in American history figure prominently in this period.

Among these men are slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln.

Coincidentally, Frederick Douglass and Thomas Sledge are both Marylanders. At one time, Sledge even thought that he might have been a descendant of Frederick Douglass. When Sledge found out that Douglass had selected his surname, he realized they weren't related.

"He did away with his master's

name and picked Douglass," Sledge revealed.

Another American whom Sledge has considerable respect for is Abraham Lincoln.

"He had the toughest job of any president in American history," contends Sledge. "And how he kept his sanity, I'll never know."

Among Sledge's preferred historical spots are the battlefield at Yorktown and the state capital.

"I like visiting Richmond. Richmond is just so rich in history. Black heritage is outstanding there," notes Sledge.

In Yorktown, Sledge focuses on the role that African-Americans played there. In particular, James Lafayette, who was a slave who served as a spy for the Marquis de Lafayette and was freed as a reward for his service to the American Revolution. "It was actually General Lafayette himself who petitioned the Virginia General Assembly to grant James Lafayette his freedom," recalls Sledge.

Another of his historic heroes is Gen. Benjamin Davis, Jr. who became famous for his association with the Tuskegee airmen. And, perhaps surprisingly, Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox, is another historic figure who appeals to Sledge.

As a youngster in Baltimore, Sledge's earliest memories of historic sites include a school field trip to Fort McHenry in Baltimore harbor.

"That was a long time ago," Sledge readily admits.



STEP INTO THE PAST. Great Bridge High School social studies teacher Thomas Sledge, who presented a program on slavery at the Francis Land House last weekend, says he enjoys living in two worlds — the present and the past.

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Editor's note: This is the first article in an ongoing series following the efforts of the Elizabeth River Project.

By Victoria Hecht  
Editor

The Elizabeth River snakes its way through tidal marshes and wetlands, past creeks with picturesque names such as "Paradise," and eventually nourishes the Chesapeake Bay.

The Elizabeth's history spans millennia, yet it took man and machine just 400 years to destroy its life-giving presence, pollute its waters and weaken its delicate ecosystem.

The river has been a bountiful provider for those along its banks. It is a spectacular backdrop for Waterside, Nauticus and Harbor Park, while its channels team with commercial and military ships. Recreational boaters are drawn there.

Yet the river also remains one of the more seriously polluted in the United States. It has been dredged to twice its normal depth, then filled to two-thirds its width to accommodate development.

Toxins have accumulated on its floor, directly affecting fish and other aquatic life. As much as 50 percent of its tidal wetlands have been lost since World War II.

**An effort is under way by the Elizabeth River Project to turn the tide.**

The program that began in 1991 as simple discussions by four people around a kitchen table has blossomed into an effort drawing hundreds to the cause.

Under the leadership of Virginia Beach's Marjorie Mayfield, residents of Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach have united under the premise that the river's large problems cannot be solved by government alone. Rather, community stewardship would make it happen.

Marilee Hawkins, director of Portsmouth's environmental services until a year ago, has discovered a renewed sense of commitment since joining the project as an educator.

"I started out actually as a volunteer. I went to the first conference that was held at the Marriott around 1993. It seemed like such an exciting project. They had the sheet out that said 'sign here,' so I signed up and got involved rather quickly," the Port Norfolk resident said.

The grassroots efforts involving everyone from civic leaders to teachers, scientists to fishermen appealed to her.

"It's a process of everyone working together to reach a consensus," said Hawkins. "It was a long process, probably about two years."

A few ground rules were established to make the Elizabeth River Project a viable, workable program.

"First," Hawkins said, "there's no finger pointing. We don't blame anyone. It took 400 years. When the worst pollution began, it wasn't because people were breaking the law. It was what was accepted in industry. The point was finding what was economically beneficial as well as feasible."

In April 1995, a 120-member Watershed Action Team kicked off. In 1996, future actions were chosen based on effectiveness, affordability and acceptability to the community.

The action team identified five critical areas deserving the most resources at the time, with reduction of sediment contamination as top priority.

"The bottom line is that if we're ultimately going to clean the river, we have to get rid of some of those old sediments," said Hawkins. "We're adding new pollution to the river, but nowhere near the levels that are there."

To remediate the highest



A BETTER RIVER. Working to clean up the Elizabeth River, from left, are Marilee Hawkins, Laura Dukat and Hawkins' son, Sam.

priority contaminated sites, or "hot spots," by the year 2010, the Army Corps of Engineers has teamed up with the four cities in the watershed.

The "hottest" spot is in Chesapeake at Scuffletown Creek, just south of the Cargill plant. Other sites lie in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth.

The second action, combined with the first in several cases, is to restore wetlands while reducing levels of sedimentation. Scots Creek in Portsmouth is particularly touched.

"Something like 25 percent of the city's stormwater drains into Scott's Creek. It's a huge sink for silt from the roadways, as well as debris and toxins from automobiles. A lot of stuff has ended up there. We're working closely with the city looking at what we can do there," Hawkins said.

**Educating** folks on what is happening right in their own back yards will be key to the project's success.

That's where Hawkins and Laura C. Dukat, public outreach coordinator, play an important role.

"It's about educating people as to their own stewardship responsibility," Hawkins said. "We know that a large part of the new pollution going into the river comes off our back yards, streets and storm drains. Each of us has a role."

As pollution prevention coordinator, Hawkins works with businesses to show that "good care of the river is also good economic practice — that the bottom line is good for the environment."

It's a new theme to industry, said Dukat, considering environmentalists and businesses have often been viewed as "cross purposes and bating heads."

"But they're not," Hawkins maintained. "Pollution is waste. Companies don't make money from the leftovers — from the waste."

"Waste minimization" has

become Hawkins' buzzword, and she's taking it with her to address clubs, schools, businesses, anyone or any group who will listen.

"One of the real strengths of the Elizabeth River project is that everyone is part of the solution," Hawkins said.

"It's important to point out that we're not regulatory. We're not like a state agency that goes in and fines you. We try to go in and help find solutions," said Dukat.

Thirty businesses and organizations, including J.C. Norcom High School, Great Bridge Lock Park, Cargill Inc. and Agilite Corp., have signed on as "River Stars" to "help minimize waste, look at their processes and do things in a more river-friendly manner," said Dukat.

A speakers bureau has been launched to introduce new groups to Elizabeth River Project efforts. They don't have to have a science degree or background in environmental sciences or conservation to sign on.

Executive director Mayfield was a newspaper reporter, while Hawkins worked for the city. Dukat did marketing and public relations for the garment industry, and office manager Pam Boatwright was a bookkeeper for local marinas.

"I think most people want to help the environment," said Dukat, "but they don't want to hurt their business. But they don't want to hurt the environment either. If they can help their business and the river at the same time, I think they're willing."

However, she said, everyone needs to know they have an impact on the river. "If you live within 300 square miles of the Elizabeth River Watershed, your yard and neighborhood streets drain into the river," said Dukat.

To become involved with the Elizabeth River Project, call 625-3648.



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## Read all about it!

Mayor Meyers Oberndorf found herself with a new duty recently when she visited Glenwood Elementary School - reading. The mayor was invited to be a celebrity reader and share some of her favorite stories with students. After the session, Oberndorf chatted with the youngsters about her job and the importance of being good readers. On departing she gave a grand "Gator Wave" to the children.



## Jaycees sponsor 'Murder By Sea' at Pavilion

The Virginia Beach Jaycees will present their sixth annual "Murder By The Sea," an interactive murder mystery dinner theater, at Pavilion Towers on 19th Street in Virginia Beach. Join the fun on Feb. 28 and once again on March 6.

For both performances, doors will open at 7 p.m., and the performance will start at 7:30 p.m. The admission to the performance will be \$25 per person. This price includes dinner and door prizes as well as the performance. Reservations are recommended.

This production began in 1991 to raise funds to send kids to Camp Virginia Jaycees. It has been so successful that we have continued with the production over the years. Kids to Camp is a yearly project

run throughout the state of Virginia by the Virginia Jaycees. Every year Jaycee chapters throughout the state raise funds to send mentally challenged kids to a summer camp at Camp Virginia Jaycees in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The funds are needed to provide transportation, food, lodging and other items for the kids while they are at camp.

Guests who attend are treated to an evening of fun which includes a complete dinner, music and dancing, door prizes and a chance to solve the murder. The setting of this year's play is the reading of a will on Friday the 13th.

To reserve tickets, call Shannon Ryder, 479-4350, or Jennifer Hansbrough, 498-3601.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Clubs

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the north dining room of Sentara BaySide Hospital on Independence Blvd. There will be a program on the association's Legal Advocacy Fund for women involved in discrimination suits. Proceeds from a raffle to be held at the meeting will go in support of the fund. Potential members who are graduates of four year colleges or universities or are currently enrolled as full-time undergraduate students are invited to attend. Call 467-2270 for information.

### Civic

Citizens Concerned About Jet Noise (CCAAN) meet on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Health Education Center at Virginia Beach General Hospital. A specific action agenda will be proposed and discussed. For information call 496-0745.

### Education

The parent involvement workshop series for second grade parents and students who attend Arrowhead Elementary School in Virginia Beach has been scheduled for Feb. 17 at 7-8 p.m. Students and parents will participate together, moving from station to station, doing activities that can increase the student's math skills and make math more enjoyable. These activities will also provide parents with a first-hand look at some of the hands-on activities used to teach the math curriculum.

**Health**

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer Prepared Brothers and Sisters, a class to help ease a child's fears about the birth of a new baby in the family, on Saturday, March 7 in the Virginia Beach General's Health Education Center. The program includes a tour and a film on becoming a big brother or sister.

### Recreation

The Great Neck Recreation Center is hold free weight clinics on the third Saturday of each month beginning Feb. 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. Learn basic and advanced free weight exercises from qualified trainers. Proper lifting techniques will be taught and demonstrated.

The Bow Creek Recreation Center is holding a literary contest in honor of Black History Month. The theme is "A Famous African-American figure." The contest consists of two categories - essays and poetry. Entries must be submitted to the Athletic Unit by Feb. 26. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category. Finalists will present their works on Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bow Creek Recreation Center. For more information call Bow Creek Athletics, 431-3765, TDD 471-5839.

Splash and splash at Kempville Recreation Center's Splash Carnival. The Aquatics Staff invites you to join them in the pool on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 2-4:30 p.m. Join the fun at a water carnival, play games in the pool, win prizes and have a splash with the "Red Dog" fun float. Cost is \$2, plus membership card or day pass is required. Open to all ages. Children ages 8 and under must participate with a responsible person age 15 or older. For further information, call 474-8492, TDD 471-5839.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
4218 Gadwall Place  
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stanley D. Rowh and Diana L. Rowh dated May 02, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3737, page 971, securing a loan which was originally \$58,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the City of Virginia Beach Circuit Courthouse, Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on February 27, 1998 at 8:30 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 3, Block 29  
"Subdivision of Willow Wood"  
Tax Map# 1476 84 6793 0000  
The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

**TERMS:** CASH: A non-refundable deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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### Public Notice

**NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be held on the 3rd day of March, 1998, at 2:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456, the

undersigned will petition the Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the hereinafter described portion of 15th Street and report to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing, and discontinuance of the portion of said street.

The said portion of the street being described as follows: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, more particularly described as "15th STREET TO BE CLOSED BY THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL AREA-03730 AC. OR 16,250 SQ. FT." as shown on that certain plat entitled "STREET CLOSURE PLAT OF PORTION OF 15TH STREET FROM THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH BEACH BOROUGH-VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA SCALE 1"=50' 21 JANUARY 1998," prepared by W.P. Large, Inc., to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

At that time, any affected person may appear and be heard.

At the next meeting of the City Council after the report of the Viewers is received, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the Council agenda, the undersigned will petition the City Council to vacate, close and discontinue the portion of street in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia as described above.

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
COUNTY OF UNION  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jane and John Doe, Plaintiffs, vs. Amy Hamilton, and Guinevere J., a female caucasian born on November 23, 1987 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Alexandra J., a female caucasian born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, and Alisha J., a female caucasian born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Defendants

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS**  
97-DR-44-177

**TO: DEFENDANT AMY HAMILTON:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Union County on April 22, 1997 and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the grandmother of a caucasian female child born on November 23, 1987 Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a caucasian female child born on September 4, 1986 in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia; and a female child born on July 15, 1984 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notice are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 97-DR-44-177.

3. That if Notice of Contest, Intervene or to otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at the Union County Courthouse, Union South Carolina and James Fletcher Thompson, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, whose address is 302 East St. John Street, Post Office Box 1853, Spartanburg, SC 29304, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any change of your address during the adoption proceedings.

This Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitute your Consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above named children.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 20-7-1734, (E) of the Law. Co-Op. Supp. 1994.  
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Attorney for the Plaintiffs  
THOMPSON, SINCLAIR & ANDERSON  
302 East St. John Street  
Post Office Box 1853  
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### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: KEMPVILLE BOROUGH**  
1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Mark King. Property is located at 625 Heron Point Circle: KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Enterprise Rent A Car/Leasing Company of Norfolk/Richmond for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile rentals on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Cleveland Avenue. Said property is located at 5329 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 27,673.66 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Sprint, P.C.S., for a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless communication cell tower on the west side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4422 Princess Anne road and contains 4.487 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

**BAYSIDE BOROUGH**  
4. An Ordinance upon Application of To-Go-Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals (U-Haul) at the northeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Newtown Road. Said parcel is located at 5650 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.015 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of TALC Associates, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on the north side of Newtown Road, east of Lynbrook Landing. Said parcel is located at 875 Newtown Road and contains 21,649.32 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH

**PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH**  
6. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth R. Sims, c/o Contractor Store Co., Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a contractor's storage yard at the southeast corner of Central Drive and Quality Court on Parcel 43, London Bridge Industrial Park II. Said parcel contains 9.911 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Nextel Communications, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a Collocate wireless communication antenna on certain property located at the southeastern intersection of S. Rosemont Road and Neck Road. Said parcel contains 2.154 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

**AMENDMENTS:**  
8. An Ordinance to amend the Preamble of the Subdivision Ordinance pertaining to reference to Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia.  
9. An Ordinance to amend the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to reference to Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia. Sections amended are the Preamble and Sections 102(6), 105(d) and (e)(1), 106(a) and (b), and 107(c).  
10. An Ordinance to amend the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance pertaining to references to Code of Virginia Section 15.2, §§ 110, 110(B) and 114(c).

All interested parties are invited to attend.  
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please

### Public Notice

Trustee's Sale  
925 Whistling Swan Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA

DEFAULT having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 24, 1993, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, VA, in Deed Book 3261, at page 683, and the undersigned, having been duly appointed Substitute Trustee and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note secured, will proceed to sell at public auction for cash on February 16, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Virginia Beach Circuit Courthouse, facing Courthouse Boulevard (Building 10), Virginia Beach Judicial Center, 2305 Judicial Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA, the property designated as Unit 925, in that certain condominium entitled DRIFT TIDE, A CONDOMINIUM, located in the City of Virginia Beach, VA, more particularly described in that certain Condominium Declaration recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2800, at page 1136, et seq.

The property will be sold subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

A deposit (in certified funds) of 10% will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale and settlement to be made within 10 days. **TERMS:** CASH. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement, which will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale.

This is a communication from a debt collector.

Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C.,  
Substitute Trustee  
Dominion Tower, Suite 600  
999 Waterside Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23510  
Tel: (757) 625-6787 Ext. 200  
Between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only

### Public Notice

**VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE**

**IN RE: Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia v. Tony B. Mejia**  
Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia, Plaintiff v.

Tony B. Mejia, Defendant  
CASE NO. CH98-226  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is for the said plaintiff to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on the grounds that parties have been separated without cohabitation and without interruption exceeding a period over one year.

It is ORDERED that Tony B. Mejia appear and protect his interest, on or before March 30, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifteen days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
By Bill Mauld, Deputy Clerk

### Public Notice

**VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE**

**IN RE: In the matter of the adoption of the minor child known as JASMIN JOY SEKTON**  
CASE NO. CA98-14  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is for Step-parent adoption.

It is ORDERED that James Russell Sexton appear and protect his interest, on or before March 19, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifteen days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
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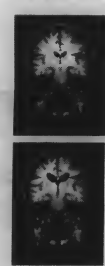
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## 3,000 new jobs foreseen

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Hampton Roads that will create 20,000 new targeted primary industry jobs, to recruit the kinds of companies that will significantly invest in new plants and equipment, and to recruit the kinds of companies that will improve average earnings and wages.

The alliance also added three additional sales and marketing staff bringing the staff to 12; hired an at firm (Barker Campbell & Farley), developed a new logo and moved its headquarters from the First Virginia Bank Building to larger facilities in the Crestar Bank building.

Initial results of alliance activities in 1997 are very promising, Gant said, but not all that the alliance wanted.

Among the successes: the announcement of GEICO to employ 880 workers in Virginia Beach; 250 jobs by the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in Chesapeake; 300 new jobs in Norfolk by Borom-Laport Market Connections; 60 new manufacturing jobs in Portsmouth by KMC America, and 40 high-tech jobs in Suffolk by Mariah Vision, Inc.

Councilman John A. Baum said that he didn't think a lot of progress has been made in regional cooperation and said Virginia Beach, which is the largest locality in the alliance and therefore contributes the most, may be seen as always paying the most cost.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan agreed saying that "more and more too many of these groups are going to assume we will pay the most. (The feeling is) if Virginia Beach doesn't pay for this you're the bad guy. You have to do what's good for our citizens as well as the region."

## Personal watercraft restrictions

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the code to allow Virginia Beach to require PWCs to maintain a distance of 100 feet from shore and docks as opposed to the current maximum of 50 feet with the exception that PWCs can be required to maintain a distance of 500 feet from the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean (from 100 feet).

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. suggested that a condition be attached to use permits that the skis must go beyond the buoy. He said that skiers are going back and forth across a narrow channel where this was not intended.

Appointed to the committee were Eric Latimer, Robert M. Stanton and John Langlois for one year; Scott Ayres, Judy Connors and Daniel Creton for two years, and Dan Brockwell, Kal Kassir and Fred Hazelwood for three years. In the future all members will be appointed to three-year terms.

Representatives from the Lynnhaven and Bayside Boroughs on the Planning Commission who will serve on the committee are: Betsy Atkinson and Thomas Betz.

## Women Business Owners slate February meet

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)-Tidewater Chapter will feature guest speaker Andrea Phelps, who will address "Protecting Your Company's Intellectual Property-Copyright and Trademarks." The NAWBO dinner meeting will be held Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Norfolk Airport Hilton, 1500 North Military Hwy., in Norfolk.

Business attorney Phelps' program will help women business owners define what intellectual property means to their businesses. Phelps teaches the legal class for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Smart Start program.

Reservations for the February dinner meeting must be by noon, Monday. To make reservations or get membership information, contact Lois Carter, 269-0373.

The cost for the dinner and program is \$18 for members and \$30 for non-members. Social and networking begin at 6 p.m. The dinner meeting and program follow at 6:30 p.m.

## Polar Plunge

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In order to participate, plungers had to raise at least \$35 in donations. The plunger who raised the most money will win a three-night vacation package to the Bahamas Princess Resort and Casino featuring non-stop flights from Richmond to the Grand Bahama Island courtesy of Princess Vacation.

This year's winner was Fred Emig from Richmond who raised \$6,335. He also raised the most money last year.

According to Lauren Elera, public relations manager for Virginia Special Olympics, this year's event will probably net \$80,000 to \$90,000.

"The money benefits 12,000 athletes with mental disabilities in Virginia," she said, "and 2,500 of those are in the Hampton Roads area. It enables them to participate in year-round sports training and competition such as skiing, basketball, and swimming."

Elera also noted it benefits adults as well as children, as some of the athletes are 70 years old.



Photo by Anne Kirk

**JUMP IN!** Polar Plungers make a mad dash for the Atlantic Ocean to raise money for Special Olympics.

In addition to staying fit, Special Olympics provides the athletes with social skills, confidence in trying new things and opportunities for success, Elera said.

The Special Olympics Oath reads "Let me win. But if I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt."

Special Olympics began in 1968 when Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the First International Special Olympics Games at Soldier Field in Chicago. The concept was born in the early 1960s when Shriver started a day camp for people with mental retardation.

According to reports, Shriver

saw that people with mental retardation were far more capable in sports and physical activities than many experts thought. Since 1968, millions of children and adults have participated in Special Olympics, and there are now accredited programs in 130 countries.

## Mikey's story filmed for '20/20'

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Not only that, he will be the first child in the United States to have one.

"He will be covered from head to toe, and 99.9 percent of the ultraviolet rays will be filtered out," said Alice Pifer, producer for the "20/20" segment.

The garment will be shipped from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Tx, as soon as the UV lens are completed for the face mask. Pifer said, hopefully by the end of the month.

"We will be here to film Mikey before, during and after," she added.

Walker's "invisible friends" watched as he rang the bell for the children to come in during the fire drill and followed him to lunch. Then they all went to the boy's house after school, where he danced to his favorite country tunes. Walker and his brothers looked through the camera and listened to the special headphones.

"It's been so exciting, we really had a good time," his mother said of the adventure.

It is probably just the first of a lot of national attention that will soon focus on the youth. He is already being watched by physicians from all across the country. Many children with Walker's disease do not survive infancy. Even the Virginia Beach child was given only a 25 percent chance of survival because of secondary problems with anemia, jaundice and his heart, liver and spleen.

"He was a green baby," his mother said, "yellow from jaundice and blue from anemia. Now, every accomplishment has already passed the doctors' expectations."

Although Walker must be protected against colds, he is basically healthy and has tons of energy. For the Walker family, the boy's new "cool suit" means more freedom for all of them. One of their first adventures will be to Busch Gardens.

Walker is just one part of the story for the "20/20" news team.



Photo by Anne Kirk

**THE STAR.** Thalia Elementary student Mikey Wallace, far right, is filmed by cameraman Geoff Dills for a segment on "20/20." The youth suffers from a disease that makes his skin totally intolerant to UV rays.

They main focus of their story is a profile on Sarah Moody, a dynamic Southern grandma in Hampton. She is the founder of HED Foundation and Related Disorders that helps children like Walker with special needs.

Moody said her work with children with special needs began 12 years ago when her 8-year-old nephew, Stevie, came to visit in July. The boy was born with hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia (HED), or without sweat glands and had to be protected from the heat. After a close-call of almost losing the child to heat exhaustion, Moody vowed to do something about it.

"It scared me so bad, I said I'm going to call NASA," she said. "I had just watched the movie of 'Boy in the Bubble,' and thought if they can put a man on the moon and make a bubble, they can help Stevie."

With support of Po'Folks restaurants, Stevie received a "cool vest" to help his body stay cool, and Moody ended up getting phone calls from parents from all across the country. She's helped supply vests for 400 children so far, and is currently working with NASA on Walker's "cool suit."

"Sarah will be monitoring his progress and then they will make the adjustments," Pifer said. "He's the prototype."

According to Moody, Walker's "cool suit" will be a white, two-piece jumpsuit made of thin solar weave. It will have a head-cover similar to a toboggan hat with a flap to cover the neck and a motorcycle style visor. There will also be gloves. And best of all, "it's washable and stretches to fit. Because Po'Folks went bankrupt, Moody is currently without a sponsor and she has many children on a waiting list. She said she

works a lot on faith, and makes some money for the foundation by making and selling flowers for \$1, and selling hamburgers once a month at Sam's Club. Additional information on the foundation can be found on the Internet at <http://www.microclimate.com/hed/> or by calling 846-2420.

Pifer isn't sure when the "20/20" piece featuring Walker and Moody will be aired, but it will probably be announced locally.

In the meantime, "20/20" will be back at the end of the month to film Walker in his new "cool suit."

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## 'Tongue Cut Sparrows' opens at art center; sign language show scheduled

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Through film and oversized charcoal drawings, Drake captures the unique form of expression created by these West Texas women, forced by circumstances to invent a new language of signs signals and body movements.

The exhibition will be open for the public on Friday, Feb. 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The artist will attend the opening and will offer remarks about his work at 6 p.m.

The opening reception for "James Drake: Tongue Cut Sparrows" will feature the Second Wind Dance Company, under the artistic direction of Beverly Cordova Duane, at 6:30 p.m. They will perform original choreography inspired by the work of James Drake. The performance is free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

In conjunction with "James Drake: Tongue Cut Sparrows," the Contemporary Art Center presents a unique program of songs both sung and interpreted through sign language on Sunday, March 29 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Hands-in-Motion is a blend of hearing and non-hearing students from Corporate Landing Elementary School, under the direction of Bobbie Bullock-Smith. This program is free and open to the public. A donation of \$2 is recommended.

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### 'Steel Magnolias'

Actin' in His Name Theater Productions will present "Steel Magnolias" directed by Caroline Way on Feb. 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., March 1 at 7:30 p.m., March 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and March 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Performances will be at Community United Methodist Church, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd. in Virginia Beach. For reservations, call 495-1021.

### Book signing

Nav-a-koe American Indian Trading Post will hold a poetry reading and book signing by Carter Revard, author of "An Eagle Nation," on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The post is located at 618 Hilltop West.

Revard was born in the Osage Indian Agency Town of Pawhuska, Okla. One of seven children, he completed his first eight grades in a one room country school, working as a janitor, farmhand and greyhound trainer through high school. He won a radio quiz scholarship to the University of Tulsa, was a Rhodes Scholar, and in 1952 was given his Osage name by his grandmother and tribal elders. Carter is the author of three collections of poetry, most recently "An Eagle Nation," published by the University of Arizona Press. A professor emeritus of English at Washington University, he lives in St. Louis. Call 425-7992 for more information.

### He has 'Vibes'

Kevin Powell, senior writer for *Vibe* Magazine, will speak at Old Dominion University at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2 in the North Hall of Webb University Center.

Powell's talk during Black History Month had to be rescheduled from its original Feb. 4 date due to heavy rains and flooding in Norfolk. His talk is free.

At *Vibe*, Powell has written cover stories on Mike Tyson, Tupac Shakur and Public Enemy.

His essays, articles and reviews have also appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Esquire*, *Emergence* and *The New York Times*. Powell is also the host/producer of HBO's "Vibe Five," an entertainment news program, and creator and coordinator of "Get Up On It," a multimedia political awareness campaign. For more information, call 683-4406.



Kevin Powell

### Fund-raising gala

The Virginia Beach City Union of the King's Daughters and Sons annual Spring Fashion Show and Gala will hold a luncheon show on Wednesday, March 25 at 11 a.m. and a dinner show on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Founders Inn and Conference Center will host the event. Tickets are \$25 per person. For luncheon tickets, call 499-7813; for dinner tickets call 721-7344. Proceeds to benefit the Halo Fund/Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and Sons, the Lend-A-Hand Betty Ann Smolka Fund at Virginia Beach General Hospital and Seton House. The show is the major project for the Virginia Beach City Union of the King's Daughters and Sons. Approximately 140 volunteers put this show together every year and raise an average of \$10,000 for charity.

### 'The Cat's Meow'

"The Cat's Meow" the annual artist's tribute to the cat and a fundraiser for the SPCA opens March 6 at the Artists Gallery. This "perfectly" rendered invitational exhibition of feline art will be on view through March 21. The catalogue will present the works of over 50 regional artists, rendered in a feline lover's delight of oils, acrylics, water-color, glass, etchings, photography, pencil, fabric and sculpture. There will be refreshments and "catvair" at the artists' reception on Friday, March 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All attending the reception are asked to support the SPCA by bringing a tin of cat food. A painting will be raffled off with proceeds to the ASPCA. The wearing of cat attire at the reception is welcomed. Located at 2407 Pacific Ave., hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



SPRUNG UP. Reside With Pride and Paint Your Heart Out teamed up last year to paint the homes of low-income, elderly Virginia Beach residents. This year they'll tackle 10 houses.

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

They're the volunteer guerrillas — do-gooders donning grungy jeans and T-shirts emblazoned with a hot pink logo. Their goal is to coat Hampton Roads with goodwill.

They're the Paint Your Heart Out (PYHO) team, thousands strong, who for one day unite to spread cheer to low-income, elderly homeowners whose houses could use the pick-me-up that a coat of paint provides.

Come April 25 they'll be out in force again, this time tackling 90 homes across Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Suffolk.

Last week organizers gathered for a kickoff celebration to prove they have the heart for helping others. To those who will benefit, it was a Valentine's Day gift delivered two days early.

With Paint Day set for April 25, committees are busy collecting homeowner nominations and deciding just who will benefit from the program.

Work crews are also signing up to take part in the event.

"Last year was amazing," said Lisa Sands, Portsmouth's 1998 PYHO chairman. "We had so many volunteers that we had to turn them away."

Last year Rotary Club teams from the city painted five Portsmouth homes; this year they will double the number. According to Sands, crews from Norfolk Naval Shipyard and Hampton Roads Regional Jail have already committed. Meanwhile, home nominations are pouring in.

In Virginia Beach, the public-private partnership Reside With Pride is working with the community to improve the physical quality of the city's housing stock.

By teaming with PYHO, five homes received face-lifts last year.

This year it will be 10, according to Virginia Beach PYHO chairman and Reside With Pride member Jim Wood.

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## Trees please council, not new billboards

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council has come out unanimously in support of the Garden Club of Virginia's position on bills prohibiting selective cutting and new billboards on the state's highways and opposing bills authorizing pruning.

In a resolution adopted last week, council expressed its support for the enactment of House Bill Number 1208 and Senate Bill Number 581 and opposition to the enactment of House Bill 1166 and 1228 and Senate Bill 686.

House Bill 1208 and Senate Bill No. 581 would prohibit the erection of billboards and with certain exceptions other outdoor advertising structures on state highways.

The bills also would prohibit the selective trimming or cutting of vegetation obstructing motorists' views of outdoor advertising structures on state highways unless the vegetation is diseased or damaged by natural causes and endangers the health of other vegetation or human health.

The three other bills would allow the selective pruning, within state highway rights-of-way, of vegetation which obstructs motorists' views of signs displayed on outdoor advertising structures.

The resolution was proposed by Councilwoman Nancy Parker at the request of the Virginia Beach Garden Club.

Betsy Rawls Agelasto, a member of the Garden Club of Virginia Conservation Committee and a member of the local garden club, explained that the favored legislation was proposed by Del. Tayloe Murphy and Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple and had three main points: to eliminate all new construction of billboards, to prohibit all tree cutting on the public right-of-way to improve

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## Students, history buffs join to preserve piece of past

By Bob Rueggeger

Correspondent

Chesapeake community college students and local history buffs are teaming up with state officials to preserve a piece of Virginia Beach's past.

A panel of a dozen volunteers from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) met with Friends of the Ferry Plantation House at the historic home on Friday to conduct an intensive examination and offer suggestions for preserving the venerable old structure.

Jonathan C. Spodek of the AIA's Virginia Society Resources Committee was on hand to act as chairman for the half-day roundtable discussion.

He meets with member architects every other month at various locations across the commonwealth to deal with preservation issues from helping non-profit groups to conducting discussions and offering suggestions to them.

Spodek's committee is comprised of practicing architects, university faculty and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation staff.

"We're here to offer them (Friends of the Ferry Plantation House) a little guidance, a little advice on how they should get started in their efforts," Spodek said. "We can offer some suggestions on issues that we feel are important and maybe offer some recommendations on priorities."

His summative remarks seemed very encouraging.

"I think you have a great opportunity to look at how this house developed and how it got to the point where we are today," Spodek observed. "To look at it through a combination of archival documentation and research through deeds, plat maps, insurance maps."



PRESERVING THE PAST. Located in the Old Donation Farms neighborhood, Ferry Plantation House sits off the road and is not noticed by many who drive past the structure.

"You have a great opportunity here for an in-depth physical study and investigation of the building as it is today which encompasses everything that's happened in the last 175 years," Spodek noted.

He and his committee warned the Friends of the Ferry Plantation House about making any changes too quickly.

"You've got a structure that has an incredible story to tell you. Before anything is taken out or changed, you've an opportunity to really look and discover that story," he said.

Committee members suggested repairing the heating system and making it operational as a first step. It was also submitted that a "crash investigator program" to research and document the house and property from

any and all sources should be started at once.

Other consultants insisted that stabilizing the structure, located on Cheswick Lane in Old Donation Farms, was the key issue in preserving the building.

Making the existing plantation house weather-tight and sprucing up the exterior were additional suggestions. Other recommendations included having the fire marshal inspect the building in an effort to resolve any potential problems.

Additional proposals included establishing an archaeological research plan and securing a state historic marker.

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## Effort against jet noise growing



SPEAKING OUT. It was standing room only during last weekend's meeting of Citizens Concerned about Jet Noise. More than 60 Virginia Beach neighborhoods were represented, and Chesapeake and Norfolk residents are now getting involved. At issue is the potential for noise pollution by the FA-18s that will be moved to Oceana.

### Possible impact of new FA-18s stir concern

By Matthew Shanley

Correspondent

A citizen's group is looking to take the issue of jet noise to residents of Chesapeake as well as Virginia Beach.

Citizens Concerned About Jet Noise (CCAJSN), fresh off a Saturday meeting in Virginia Beach attended by 150 people, wants to inform Chesapeake residents about the impact of the possible relocation of 120 FA-18 Hornets to the Oceana Naval Air Station from Florida.

While the U.S. Navy has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that considers all the possible environmental ramifications of the move, relocation opponents like Virginia Beach residents John Schick and Herb Siskely believe Chesapeake residents should be

concerned about future activity at the naval auxiliary landing field, Fortress.

That's a practice field here for Oceana-based jet aircraft. The Chesapeake area, according to the DEIS, is going to see about a 51 percent increase in operations at Fortress.

Prior to joining CCAJSN, Siskely had campaigned unsuccessfully to have the Navy address the issue of jet noise in Hampton Roads. He believes his younger counterparts are descending into Oceana at 400 to 500 knots, twice the speed allowed by the Federal Aviation Administration, yet go unpunished by superiors.

"The people who fly the airplanes really aren't thinking about the community at all, in terms of where they fly or how they fly," Siskely said.

He should know. He's a former Navy man who flew in the Naval reserves out of Oceana for five years in the late 60s and early 70s.

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# Commentary

READ TO KIDS DAY

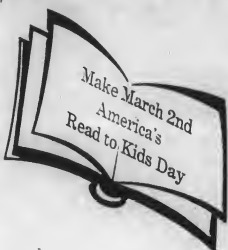
## Book it!

March 2 may not look like a special day on the calendar, but in a child's life it could be very important.

It's Read to Kids Day — and it's not too early to start planning.

With the help of Dr. Suess Enterprises and many other partners, the National Education Association (NEA) is planning a Read Across America celebration.

On the evening of March 2, the children's book author Dr. Suess' birthday, NEA is calling for every child in America to be in the company of a book.



It's up to parents as the role models to make this happen.

They can start my getting schools, libraries and bookstores in Hampton Roads to sponsor special activities. High school students can adopt elementary-aged youths and read them "The Cat in the Hat." Youngsters in pajamas with pillows in hand can visit local libraries for a bedtime reading session. Authors and people dressed in storybook character costumes can read with children in bookstores.

Schools can sponsor a Family Literacy Night, in which families gather to learn the best ways to support a child's education at home. They can host "round robin reading," in which children move from room to room to read school staff and community members read their favorite stories.

Teachers can get inventive as well. They can plan a dramatic reading in the classroom or have older students research the importance of reading and being read to. A book drive can be organized with volumes donated to school libraries and local shelters. Educators can even bring their favorite child's books to school. Because children love contests, a reading competition could instantly instill a zeal for reading. Children can even create invitations for their parents to read to them that evening, or they can have parents sign a reading pledge card.

Whichever approach is chosen, the important thing is that children learn and act upon the simple idea of reading. It will begin the adventure of a lifetime. — V.E.H.

## Letter to the editor

### Do your part for education

Editor:

I am a fifth grade student at Roosevelt Elementary School in Klamath Falls, Oregon. During the course of this year, I will be studying the state of Virginia and writing a report on what I have learned. I am writing to request any information you might have in the form of pamphlets, maps, charts and travel guides. I am looking forward to hearing from you and receiving anything that will help me learn about Virginia and improve the quality of my work. Thank you.

Jill Thomas  
176 Peach St.  
Klamath Falls, OR

### Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor from readers who wish to reflect upon or take issue with other views. That's what this page is for, the sharing of opinions: yours, ours and those of our columnists and cartoonists.

Please share your thoughts with fellow readers by faxing to 548-0390. The writer's name, address and telephone number must be included. We do not print unsigned letters. We reserve the right to edit. Thank you.

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## The Allen legacy is a mixed bag

By Scott Bates

There are moments in history when the man and the times come together. When that moment comes, great change is possible and history is made. George Allen has made history in the Old Dominion.

Allen came to office on the crest of an electoral tidal wave. Just four years ago, in 1993, Democrats were confidently predicting a victory for the heir apparent to the 12-year Democratic gubernatorial dynasty, Mary Sue Terry. Terry had been attorney general for eight years and won re-election to that post with record-setting margins. Democratic control of the legislature and all three statewide offices guaranteed Terry a fundraising and organizational lead in the race against Allen.

Allen went from a large money and polling deficit in the summer of 1993 to a smashing 18-point victory in the fall election. By the close of Allen's term just four years later, all three statewide offices were Republican and the 100-year-old Democratic control of the General Assembly had been broken.

Many commentators have compared Allen to Ronald Reagan. Allen and Reagan share the same jovial nature and "aw shucks" attitude. However, Allen succeeded where Reagan did not. Allen led the Republican effort to capture power in both the state Senate and the House of Delegates. Congress did not fall to the Republicans until six years after Reagan.

Allen left office as the most effective Republican leader in the history of Virginia. He has led the political fight that has broken the back of the Virginia Democratic party. Few would dispute that in 1998, Virginia is a Republican state.

In terms of policy, the Allen legacy is more of a mixed bag. Allen achieved some early

triumphs in getting his election agenda put into law. His call for an abolition of parole was answered by the General Assembly. Parole has been abolished for violent offenders and crime rates are down for the first time in a generation.

Allen placed economic development high on his agenda. He attracted \$14 billion in investment from high tech firms such as Motorola, Siemens, IBM and Toshiba. His aggressive pursuit of high-tech industry will assure Virginia's share of the jobs tomorrow.

On coming to office, Allen inherited a welfare reform plan from former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. Allen took what was a pilot project and sped up timetable and goals for getting welfare recipients off the public dole and into training and jobs. When President Clinton signed a welfare reform bill in 1996, Virginia was ready to take advantage of the federal plan to end welfare as we know it.

But as I said, the Allen legacy is a mixed bag. Nothing was done to redress the imbalance in funding between rural school districts and wealthier school districts. Here at the dawn of the 21st century, a child in Southwest or Southwest will receive fewer resources for her education than a child in northern Virginia. Her opportunities may be diminished just by accident of birth and geography. Allen did not address the issue of the disparity in education funding which consigns many of our children to second class citizen status.

How can one characterize Allen's record on the environment? How about terrible. Allen began his term by firing career civil servants who understood complex environmental regulations that protected clean air and clean water from the excesses of industry. He appointed the owner of a steel

smelting plant to run the Department of Environmental Quality.

Allen's secretary of natural resources as Becky Norton Dunlap. Dunlap advocated population growth as a way to improve the quality of the environment. She made no effort to work with environmental groups, refused to fine corporate polluters and was in general a great embarrassment, so much so that Jim Gilmore promised not to keep her on the job. She is now free to return to work for the Christian Coalition printing pamphlets on a mimeograph machine.

Allen also accepted \$100,000 in campaign contributions from the owners of the company that makes Smithfield Hams. It just so happens that the state was looking at fining the firm for its record of dumping pig waste into the Page River. The corporation up before judgment then gives the judges \$100,000. You've got to admit, something smelled rotten there.

Allen came to power through his own grit and determination. Against the odds he won the nomination of his party and went on to defeat the Democratic establishment in Virginia. His rise to power coincided with a Republican voting trend which Allen nurtured with his politics and policy positions. Allen achieved his goals of abolishing parole and cutting the size of the state work force. He attracted investment to Virginia, laying the groundwork for what he calls "the Silicon Dominion."

At the end of the day, Allen made a difference. And that's what it's all about.

Scott Bates is a former Virginia Secretary of State. He comments weekly on state politics.

## Bill's bedroom business's people's business

Whenever I hear someone say that Bill Clinton's sex life is none of my business, I say "tut-tut." The last I heard the White House belongs to "the people," and that applies to the Oval Office. So I am one of "the people," and I don't have a right to question what happens in my house?

### The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

I do believe that Clinton's salary is paid by "the people." If I am one of "the people," I do believe that Clinton's salary is paid by "the people." If I am one of "the people," I do believe that Clinton's salary is paid by "the people."

Hillary says there is nothing about Bill that she does not know about, so she must know all about his women. Maybe she doesn't care, but it's a strange arrangement for two people who seem so much in love as they do, always holding hands and hugging in public. Having said all of the above, as an employer, I must have some concerns about the welfare of my "employee."

Recently I read a letter to the editor which suggested that Clinton might have a personality disorder that would qualify him for coverage under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I had never thought of that, but it is a consideration. The letter went on to say that "every informed non-delusional person in the United States knows that Bill Clinton is a sex addict and pathological liar."

Every American will have to make their own decision about that.

Remember when Clinton was elected to get coverage under a military code which made it possible for a soldier to avoid court trials under certain circumstances, even though he avoided the draft during wartime. He wanted to be a soldier when it was his, his benefit. That goofy idea got nowhere. He is, however, commander-in-chief of all the armed forces and should at least get a good example for those who serve under him.

Clinton apologists, including Hillary, blame all of Bill's problems on a "right wing conspiracy." The Washington Post, probably the most liberal newspaper in the history of this country, and The New York Times are breaking stories about Clinton every day — and they don't belong to the "right wing." Monica Lewinsky, who has no history of having any affiliation with the right wing, says she did have an affair with Clinton.

Betty Currie, Clinton's personal secretary, allegedly gave damaging testimony about him to the grand jury and she certainly is no right winger. Granted the right wingers are thrilled that Clinton is having problems, but his problems are of his own making. Welcome to the real world.

## Ponderings of a computer junkie

I'm getting to be quite the computer literate, if I do say so myself. If you've kept up with this column over the years, you may recall that I went from being a complete computer idiot to fairly competent.

I'd like to think that now, thanks to a patient husband who has taught me about everything in gobs of megabytes to RAM, I'm a budding computer guru.

Perhaps I flatter myself, but it's far from the software in the mail and tried to play it in my home CD player!

My latest discovery is e-mail. If I'm not a junkie, I'm fast on the verge of becoming one. It all started innocently when I was curious to check out the John Denver websites after the singer's untimely demise. I wanted to commiserate with others like myself who couldn't believe he was gone.

Even introduced me to the Internet and all its wonderful websites. I found more than 27,000 listings on John Denver alone. I got through 300 before giving up.

That's how I happened onto e-mail. After signing a number of guestbooks

at the sites, I wanted to know more about the people who created these John Denver tributes. Evan told me to send them e-mail.

"E-mail?" I scoffed, always the advocate for a real letter written on proper stationery. "I wouldn't lower myself."

But I did. The first person I sent some e-mail to, a would-be poet in Iowa, never returned my message or agreed to be a pen pal. But Gabriele, a banker in Milan, Italy, did.

He agreed to be my first official pen pal. And an international one at that! Through Gabriele, as he likes to be called, I've observed the European "take" of our American politics, Italian views on capital punishment and maternity leave, and Bill Clinton's "Zippertage."

"It's all over the news here," he wrote in reference to the Monica Lewinsky scandal. "I just wish it wasn't on the news all the time. It's on this very minute."

At an addendum, he wrote, "Wouldn't you stray too if you had to go home to Hillary every night?"

Nice dig, but also insight that he feels much the same way I do about the scandal coverage. Through e-mail I've also enlisted some friendships that were slipping. One of my best college girlfriends, Melissa, now trades messages with me almost daily. It's a great forum for venting about her love life, work and men.

I also like sending e-mail to local pals who I don't see every day, and with whom I'd like to share tidbits of information. When you don't want to

get involved in a long conversation, it's great to type the message in and wait a response.

Recently, I discovered how to send Hallmark cards over the Internet, because I "care enough to send the very best." In return, I've gotten jokes, stories and quotes of the day.

Of course, all this time on the Internet does not necessarily sit well with my husband.

"I've created a monster," he lamented the other day. "You're always on the computer."

I suppose he'd like me to be doing something more productive, such as baking or cleaning the house. I just tell him that he gave me the first taste of my new addiction.

Unwittingly, he keeps feeding it, too. Recently, when I told Evan I'd love to have a scanner so that I could send pictures of us to Gabriele, he bought me one. Problem is I don't know how to use this new toy yet. But I will learn. Boy, will I learn!

Letters? Yes, I'll always be a sucker for pretty, formal stationery with pink envelopes, but you can't beat e-mail. No stamps to lick, no address labels to affix. It's just a few key strokes and presto!

My only problem with e-mail? Just like regular mail, I hate to throw it out when I'm done with it! I doubt my computer trash can has seen the first "letter" in the bin.

I've got to get now. It's time to check my e-mail.

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## Police accreditation is sign of a job well done

I am happy to report that the Virginia Beach Police Department, under the direction of Chief of Police Charles R. Wall, has been accredited for the third time by the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.



### The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

This voluntary accreditation program for law enforcement agencies is a joint effort of the Commission and the four major law enforcement executive membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and the Police Executive Research Forum.

This commission became operational in 1983 and was formed to establish a body of standards designed to increase the police department's effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services; increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system; formalize essential management procedures; establish fair and nondiscriminatory

personnel practices; and, increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies and practices of the department.

The department was initially accredited in November 1987, again in November 1992 and most recently, this past November.

The accredited status was awarded, as in previous times, at a national meeting in Tulsa, Okla. This is an honor for the police department and the citizens of Virginia Beach, especially since they are the only one in southside Hampton Roads to achieve this status.

What this accreditation means is that our police department was inspected and reviewed by law enforcement professionals and found to be in compliance with more than 400 standards.

These standards address six major law enforcement subjects: role, responsibilities and relationships with other agencies; organization, management and administration; personnel administration; law enforcement operations; operational support and court related services; and auxiliary and technical services.

This prestigious international award has only been granted to about 400 law enforcement agencies. Only a select few of those have achieved this honor three times and we are very proud that the Virginia Police Department is one of the few.

Our hats go off to Chief Charles Wall and the whole Virginia Beach Police Department.

George Noel, accreditation manager, contributed to this column.

## Guest speaker, cardiologist gets to heart of the matter

Sentara Health System is bringing nationally-recognized and award-winning cardiologist Dr. Nisha Chibber Chandra to Virginia Beach on Tuesday.

Chandra's program, "Heart Disease and Women: The Unrecognized Killer," will focus on the magnitude of coronary artery disease and heart disease, the difficulty of diagnosis and treatment options as they pertain specifically to women.

Chandra is a professor of medicine and the director of the Coronary Intensive Care Unit at Johns Hopkins University. Originally from India, where she received the President's Silver Medal, she has gone on to win several honors and awards in the United States, including

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award at The Francis Scott Key Medical Center (1993).

She is a member of the American Heart Association Cardio-pulmonary Council Executive Committee, and is a reviewer for the Journal of the American Medical Association. In addition, Chandra holds a U.S. patent for an integrated system for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and circulation support.

"Heart Disease and Women: The Unrecognized Killer" will be presented Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 5655 Greenwich in Virginia Beach. The event is free. For more information or reservations, call, 1-800-SENTARA (1-800-736-8272).

## Virginia Marine's Flower Guild blooming with ideas

Flower arranging is both a personal and beautiful way to express one's individuality. The Virginia Marine Science Museum's Volunteer Flower Guild will be hosting a flower arranging workshop. Created for floral enthusiasts of all levels, the workshop will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the museum's board room.

Randa Baylor, co-founder of the museum's Flower Guild, will be conducting the workshop, covering basic flower arranging techniques.

After the hands-on workshop, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and sign up for the museum's

Volunteer Flower Guild. The guild is responsible for designing weekly floral arrangements for the lobby areas of the museum's two buildings. Volunteer members are asked to complete a minimum of two arrangements per year.

The fee for the workshop is \$10 and includes all supplies. Registration is required by calling 437-6020. The \$10 fee is waived for participants who sign up for the Volunteer Flower Guild.

For more information about Flower Guild volunteer opportunities or questions regarding the Flower Guild Flower Arranging Workshop, call 437-6020.

## Top advertising firms will take home honors Saturday

The Hampton Roads 1998 American Advertising Awards banquet will be held Saturday at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

The ADDY Awards are designed to recognize and showcase Hampton Roads' best advertising creative talent. It is the firm first in the national competition conducted annually to reward creative excellence in the art of advertising.

Two-hundred-and-seventy-six broadcast and print entries were received from local agencies, businesses and individuals. A three-member judging panel has selected those which will be honored at the awards banquet.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a display of the entries. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by the awards show. Tickets for the gala event cost \$40 and can be purchased by calling 456-1541.

The local ADDY Awards are sponsored by the Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton

Roads and the Tidewater Society of Communicative Arts. Proceeds from the event help support educational programs, public service projects and proactive government relations efforts.

## Car buying 101: for women only

A dynamic women's-only automotive empowerment workshop that will educate participants on how to understand, prepare for and make informed decisions about buying and servicing a vehicle. The talk will be given at the Hampton Roads Women's Show.

Talks will be given Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The Hampton Roads Women's Show will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion, 1000 19th St. Call 468-2300 for more information.

## Up close and personal

### Jerry Rogoff: Happy (and safe) boating

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

When Jerry Rogoff suits up for duty, the retired retailer could spend the day manning the booth at a local boat show, escorting a ship to its destination or assisting in the search for a missing boat and owner.

Within a month's time Rogoff did all of that and more as commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 57-Lynnhaven.

The auxiliary educates recreational boaters and assists the Coast Guard. It is the only volunteer organization of its kind aiding the armed services.

"Right now we're as large as the Coast Guard — about 35,000 volunteers — and the Guard is down to about 35,000 people," Rogoff said. "The Coast Guard will tell you they couldn't run some of the stations without us. They're pretty short-handed, so we fill in."

The auxiliary aids the recreational boating public in three ways: classes, patrols and inspections.

Frequent safe boating courses are offered free except for cost of the textbooks.

"Insurance companies are giving discounts if you complete our course. Years ago we might have had 10 to 15 people in a class. These days it's 30 to 50. We're in the process of teaching one now at First Colonial High School, and we've also started an advanced coastal navigation course with 25 people," Rogoff said.

The auxiliary also offers free boat safety inspections.

"We do it at the docks and marinas, inspecting for about 25 safety items such as flairs, jackets, lights, anchors — all the important things people should have. It's also a good one-on-one with new boaters," he said.

Rogoff remembered one couple last year preparing to embark on their first sea voyage.

"They still had their life jackets in the plastic bags. They couldn't get to them in a hurry if they had to," he said.

The auxiliary also patrols under Coast Guard orders. They're designed to promote safety on the water.

"With so many boats now and all the personal watercrafts, you read in the papers that there are going to be additional laws any day now. People are coming to us looking for education and help. We've reached the point where we need some additional members."

To that end Rogoff is aggressively recruiting for the local auxiliary.

Flotilla 57, though small, has dedicated members who last year did 57 patrols, completed almost 600 boat inspections and taught more than 20 courses. They also stood watch at Coast Guard Station Little Creek 750 times and offered 200 cases of operation support.

"We're not looking for everybody — and not just people who want to pay dues. We need people who want to give us time," Rogoff said.

He offered himself as an example.

"I didn't do nearly as much when I was working, but I retired two years ago from the Navy Exchange Command. We got called upon in emergencies all the time. I was going fishing at the beginning of January and we got called out to help locate a missing boat. We've had occasions when our people stood by here (Little Creek) and had a call from a boat taking on water."

"What makes us better than average on the water, number one, is the training. We get a lot of training from the Coast Guard and its auxiliary. Also, the equipment. Our boats have a much better level of safety equipment than the average boat," he said.

Rogoff describes Flotilla 57-Lynnhaven as a "small but dedicated group." Chartered 40 years ago, it now has 50 members "who aren't big on meetings, but are big on activities. It's an unusual group," Rogoff said.

There are some costs involved. Members must supply their own uniforms, which differs from the regular Coast Guard uniform only by a small "A" on the sleeve, and boating equipment.

"If you like public service and you like boating, this is hard to beat. It combines the two loves," Rogoff said. "I tell everybody that I've had two years of retirement, and they've been the best two years of my life. I love it. It's hard to explain until you haul someone in who's been stranded out on the water and they thank you."

Rogoff said this year he'd be happy to have "10 good people" sign up for the auxiliary.

"There is plenty of opportunity to help," he urged. "There are auxiliaries who are now qualified recruiters, computer specialists, you name it."

They come from all walks of life. Flotilla 57 is represented by retirees and military personnel, firefighters and teachers. The time commitment is up to the individual — from teaching a couple of classes a year to doing patrols.

Rogoff's interest in the auxiliary came after he moved to Hampton Roads.

"I'd never even heard of the Coast Guard until I came to Virginia Beach. I came here after 30 years in Harrisburg, Pa., where the water is three manmade lakes. When I came here I brought my boat down and went out in the Chesapeake Bay. I realized my boat and I were not ready for that kind of water. I sold the boat, got a bigger one and



**"With so many boats now and all the personal watercrafts, you read in the papers that there are going to be additional laws any day now. People are coming up to us looking for education and help. We've reached the point where we need some additional members."**

Jerry Rogoff, commander Flotilla 57

took classes in safe boating. I fell into respect for all these people who come here and put in all this time teaching. They're very interesting — some are even over 80 and still actively teaching," Rogoff said.

Anyone interested in joining Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 57-Lynnhaven should call Rogoff, 473-9080.

Name: Jerry Rogoff.

What brought you to this area: U.S. Navy as a civilian employee of the Navy Exchange Command.

Hometown: Born in New York City but lived most recently in Harrisburg, Pa. for 30 years.

Age: Well past puberty.

Occupation: Retired retailer...from apparel stores to discount stores to department stores.

Marital Status: Married to Rena, who I met when she was 14. I got the best!

Children: Robin, who is busy raising two boys in Rockville, Md., and Mary, a retail executive in Philadelphia who has a boy and a girl.

Favorite movies: Action movies such as James Bond and anything with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

Magazines I read regularly: Time and Newsweek.

Favorite authors: John Grisham, Tom Clancy, Joseph Wambaugh and W.E.B. Griffin.

Favorite night on the town: Dinner and a movie with my lady and friends.

Favorite restaurant: Alexander's on the Bay.

Favorite meal and beverage: Rockfish, if I caught it, and a beverage made by a Boston patriot (Sam Adams beer).

What most people don't know about me: I'm slow to anger, slower to forget.

Best thing about myself: I'm open to trying new ideas and changes. We moved to Virginia Beach at a stage in life when most people avoid anything new.

Worst habit: I'm very impatient! Is this over yet?

Pets: None.

Hobbies: Boating and fishing. When I came to Virginia it used to be fishing and boating.

Ideal vacation: None since I moved to Virginia Beach five years ago. I'm so in love with the bay and my boat that we have stayed pretty close to home. But I've got to take my lady somewhere exotic soon!

Pet peeves: Telephone sales people.

First job: Selling peanuts in Yankee Stadium. I didn't do well because I kept turning around to watch the game.

Worst job: Every job taught me something that helped me grow. I worked for some great managers and a couple of terrible managers. They made a good job the "worst."

Favorite sports teams: Any team that gets to the World Series or the Super Bowl.

Favorite musicians: The "Big Bands" of the past — Goodman, Shaw, James, etc.

How I would like to be remembered: As one who tried to give back to society for the luck of staying healthy this long and living in Virginia Beach.

If I received \$1 million: My kids would have their homes paid for and I might have a larger boat.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would sell the Coast Guard Auxiliary. If one likes public service and boats, the auxiliary is hard to beat.

# Black History Month exhibit captures stitch in time

By Sandra J. Barker  
Correspondent

As if caught in a time warp, the majestic 18th-century Francis Land House sits on the edge of busy Virginia Beach Boulevard. The handsome brick house, ancient sycamore tree and colonial gardens present a slice of quiet history surrounded by the hustle and bustle of modern technology.

Adding to the beauty of the gracious home is a temporary exhibit of colorful quilts made by members of the 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild. Through March 6, visitors will have an opportunity to view the artistic creations of five members of the guild.

The first example hangs just inside the entrance. Rich colors and gold braid give an oriental flair to the robe-shaped quilt entitled "African Ceremonial Robe." The piece was crafted by Sandra Randolph using a design copyrighted by Sandra German of Ohio.

Vickie Harvey, museum education specialist at The Francis Land House, said "Quilts are storytellers. Historic houses have stories to tell, so do these quilts. They actually raffled it off last June and the woman who won it moved away. They've mailed the quilt three times and each time it has come back."

Harvey guided the visitor through a room hung with more than half a dozen quilts.

She pointed to a colorful quilt designed in red, gold and beige, saying, "This is their raffle quilt. They actually raffled it off last June and the woman who won it moved away. They've mailed the quilt three times and each time it has come back."

She laughed, "If Paulette Ellis is out there, she has a quilt."

Three of the quilts in the room are from the Underground Railroad series. Crafted by Joanne Cramatie, the North Star, Jacob's Ladder and 54-40 or Fight quilt designs were used to signal runaway slaves to enter a safe house.

As Harvey admired the quilts, she said, "I really like the exhibit. I love the colors and brilliance. The patterning, coloring and use of symbolism is a little different with each culture. Some of these quilts tell stories in symbolism and some in actual pictures."

One symbolic quilt made by

## STITCH IN TIME

The 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild will conduct a quilting workshop for the novice quilter on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$2 per person and includes supplies and a tour of the Francis Land House and quilt exhibit. Reservations are required and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

Cramatie is entitled "Dimensional Justice." Created after the beating of Rodney King, black on white and white on black fabric represents the faces of people. The red colors in the quilt represent blood. A chain design is handcut and the flowers represent the hopes of all people coming together as one.

Cramatie said, "We use what our spirit tells us to use."

Harvey pointed out one of the quilts that tells a story in actual pictures. "What is a quilt? A quilt is..." is used as a teaching tool to show the different kinds of stitches and the different uses for a quilt. Fourteen squares each teach their own lesson. One square shows a rainbow to indicate "color." Another is dotted with white, pearly buttons, and is called "Buttoned." "Warm" is pictured with a golden morning sunrise.

The final square in the teaching quilt is entitled "Old." A saying which was found on the back of a 1890 quilt has been painstakingly stitched onto the square.

It reads: "Embroidery designs that make the quilt gay  
Are pleasures and duties we find on our way.  
Hope, love and kisses are stitches so bright  
Which decorate life with gleams of delight.  
While sympathy sweet is the lining to scraps  
The odds scraps of fate which we cannot control.  
We are better than patchwork because of the soul."

The 15 members of the 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild in Newport News do traditional



ALL SEWN UP. Vicki Harvey, museum education specialist at the Francis Land House, admires the colorful design of the Rodney King quilt. Hanging on the wall behind her is a quilt from the Underground Railroad series. Draped on a table in front of her is the raffle quilt.

quilting with a contemporary flair. Cramatie's passion for quilting is echoed throughout the membership.

"I love to do quilting. I think I've found my niche," she said.

A registered nurse and instructor, Cramatie has been quilting since 1993.

"I want to retire so I can quilt all the time. Just surround me with strings and pieces of thread and I'm happy as a clam," she added.

The 54-40 African-American Quilter's Guild takes its name from a political slogan used in the 1840 — "54-40 or fight." 54-40 referred to the 54th parallel, 40th longitude, territorial boundaries in the United States for which people were ready to fight to preserve.

Black History month, Harvey said. "Our African-American history is told all year round here. We had six generations of Lands who lived on this property. They had 20 slaves by the end of the 18th century. So when we do our programming, the African-American history is as important to that story as the middleclass and gentry history that we tell, because it's a complete picture of what the plantation is like."

The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. Hours are Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m., closed Monday. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2.50 senior citizens, \$1.50 students and \$1 ages 6 to 12.



OPTIMISTIC ESSAY WINNER. Terri Joy Simmons was honored by local Optimists for her essay. Taking part in the ceremony, from left, were contest chairman Donald Hawkins, Simmons and her father, club president Oscar Richards and Judge Donald Robinson.

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## Essay winner announced in Optimist Club contest

The Optimist Club of Virginia Beach has announced the winner in its annual essay contest. The winning entry, with this year's theme of "My Opinion of Freedom," was written by Terri Joy Simmons of Kellam High School and will now be submitted to the Optimist District Contest in late February.

The winner of the District Contest will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. In July for a four-day conference on freedom and leadership, funded by the Optimist International Foundation and the Optimist International Foundation of

Canada. First, second and third place awards at this national level are scholarships of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. Taking second place in the competition was Miss Cameron Teed of Kempville High School.

Optimist International is one of the largest and most active service organizations, with more than 150,000 members in 4,200 Optimist clubs in the United States, Canada and other nations. With the motto "Friend of Youth" Optimist Clubs conduct service projects which reach 6 million young people each year.

## Pennel to give lectures at WVC

The 1998 Wesleyan Lectures will be presented by Bishop Joe E. Pennel, presiding bishop of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 11 a.m. with "Why Good People Do Bad Things," and concluding with "The Power of Sin and the Pull of Grace" at 7:30 p.m. in the Cunningham Gymnasium at Virginia Wesleyan College. A panel discussion will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Village II Commons. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Pennel majored in history and English literature at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn., and earned his master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Since then, he has served in many churches throughout Tennessee and chaired numerous task force and organizations. Call the Chaplain's Office, 455-3400 for more information.

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# Fatherhood group speaks out for dads

By Victoria Hecht

While the popular movie "Mr. Doubtfire" took the comic approach to a divorced dad's struggle to stay involved in his children's lives, Michael Ewing says the scenario is no laughing matter.

Founder of the Chesapeake-based Virginia Fatherhood Initiative, Ewing doesn't make light that millions of dads across the country are missing out on their children's formative years.

It's not the just the fathers who suffer, he says, but the children. Ewing cites statistics gathered from three decades of sociologists, psychologists, criminologists and researchers:

- 85 percent of all youths in prisons grew up in fatherless homes.

- 71 percent of pregnant teens are from fatherless homes.
- 71 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

He's working to restore "fatherhood" to its proper status in society.

"I'm a divorced dad," he says. "Back in the early '90s I started an organization called the Children's Rights Council primarily for non-custodial parents — divorced, separated or never married — dealing with all these issues of custody, visitation, support and so on."

The more Ewing read about the effects of absent fathers on childhood development and well being, the more he knew there



Cynthia and Michael Ewing

needed to be an emphasis on paternal issues.

That's when he formed the Virginia Fatherhood Initiative (VFI).

Since 1995, the organization has attracted 400 to 500 members statewide. A Hampton Roads chapter meets monthly at the Greenbrier Library to increase the father's status in child rearing, develop standards for father involvement and share information on the effects of absent fathers.

"I do what I can for the individuals, but my interest is in helping everyone with their 'ain't it awful' story. My bigger interest is the big picture problem — what happens when we deprive children of their fathers," Ewing said.

"Anything I can do in that regard as far as policy changes or

laws is where my interest and time is."

To that end the Virginia Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement has awarded a grant to VFI. Monies will be used to develop a demonstration project to assist divorced or separated non-custodial parents with custody and visitation problems.

The state received the funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the welfare reform initiatives passed by Congress in 1996.

VFI's program, operating under the title "Virginia Children's Access Program" (VCAP), will provide free assistance to parents in developing parental agreement and in negotiating out-of-court resolutions to access (visitation) disputes.

Ewing, a remarried father with one 12-year-old daughter, says the key is to keep family problems outside of the courtroom.

"The goal is to reduce the courtroom for these kinds of cases, save the parties money and help reduce hostilities between the parents," he said.

In cases where non-payment of child support puts visitation at stake, VCAP will step in as a mediator.

"Hopefully, we can solve that problem so that child support is paid and we facilitate visitation at the same time," Ewing said. They are anticipating court referrals.

Ewing and his wife, Cynthia, have both been trained as access (visitation) counselors.

"It's a little different from mediation because we're not necessarily going to remain neutral. We may make strong suggestions about fixing the problem. If that doesn't work, we have arranged many supplemental services — mediation, anger management classes, parenting education classes, divorce classes," he said.

The child's mental well being is at stake.

"When one parent serves as the gatekeeper and puts severe controls on the access of the child or children to the other parent, they're hurting the children — even if no hostilities are ever expressed. The one thing we're going to keep in mind at all times is that, with few exceptions, the best parent is both parents."

"We're going to do our best to ensure that those children have as much involvement with both their parents as humanly possible."

His wife's role as the stepmother gives their work a different perspective.

"I realize how much all the laws and courts contribute to the problems of the family," said Cynthia, herself a child of divorce.

Anyone interested in joining VFI or taking advantage of VCAP's services can call 543-3237.



## Serving it up

Senior Girl Scout Lois Dom Martin serves patron and fellow Girl Scout Amber Chadli during Cookie Nights on the Town at Pargo's in Virginia Beach. Restaurants were challenged to create desserts using Girl Scout cookies. Tagalongs made excellent Southern peanut butter pie.

## Shore Drive Committee created; members named

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The 11-member Shore Drive Advisory Committee established by City Council last week has 11 members rather than the nine first considered and may include business owners in the area who are not residents of the city.

Two of the members are representatives from the Bayside and Lynnhaven Districts on the planning commission and nine are residents and business owners of the city who have an interest in development and improvement of the corridor. City Council Bayside and Lynnhaven District representatives will serve as ex-officio members.

The first draft of the resolution would have included only residents among the members, but Lynnhaven Borough Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. suggested the change because he said he wanted business interests on the

committee and did not want to be hampered by where the individuals lived. He said that it was enough for the members to have sufficient knowledge and interest in the area. He also pointed out that council, which makes the appointments, still has control.

The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to develop and improve the corridor which was addressed by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Bayfront Study.

Appointed to the committee were Erle Latimer, Robert M. Stanton and John Langlois for one year; Scott Ayres, Judy Corners and Daniel Croston for two years, and Dan Brockwell, Kai Kassir and Fred Hazelwood for three years. In the future all members will be appointed to three year terms.

Representatives from the Lynnhaven and Bayside Boroughs on the Planning Commission who will serve on the committee are Betsy Atkinson and Thomas Betz.

## City wants guarantee of car tax reimbursement

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council is concerned not only with the lack of equity in the disbursement of funds to make up for the loss in local car tax revenue, but with what guarantee the city has that it will get money at all in future years under different General Assemblies and whether the city will get the money on a timely basis.

According to Robert Mathias, assistant city manager in charge of legislative matters, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 is moving full steam ahead in both houses. Although the city "feels relatively comfortable with the bill as it now stands," according to Mathias' report, virtually all of the issues of concern to local government have been addressed

other than some constitutional guarantee that the city will be reimbursed. The only technical issue outstanding at this time, according to Mathias' report, is some guarantee that we will receive the reimbursement on a real time basis so as not to create a cash flow problem.

City Manager James K. Spore still would like to "bring the equity more in balance." Northern Virginia will receive twice as much as Virginia Beach because its car taxes are higher and the cars tend to be more expensive.

Councilman Linwood Branch III remarking on the different in return, said, "We're already a donor city."

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan said that "this is too serious," while councilwoman Louisa

Strayhorn said that the city needs to make sure that after the present government is out of office, "we won't have to wait a few years to get the money."

Spore said that there seemed to be some resistance in bringing up different versions of the bill.

Councilman Harold Heischberger pointed out that Virginia Beach is in the middle in the amount of money it will receive to make up for the car tax. He said localities in the western part of the state fare much worse.

Councilman John A. Baum said that it looked as though the Republicans were caught in a trap.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that "they made the mess and I want them to clean it up," presumably referring to the Republicans who went into office

on the no car tax pledge.

Also, said Heischberger, since the rate on which the state bases the amount of car tax that will be made up on the collections on Jan. 1, the city could be hurt because growth was not included.

The status report on the city's legislative issues reported that budget requests were introduced for all the issues concerning the city except for revising the funding formula for the State Health Department.

Spore said that the city has been severely penalized by the formula and the issue has been raised every year.

Strayhorn asked whether the local delegation to the general assembly had done anything. "I would like to know whether any of our delegation brought it up."

## Anti-aging seminar looks at long, happy lifestyles

Eastern Virginia Medical School and Sentara Health System are sponsoring a public seminar on anti-aging March 7 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center on Greenwich Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost for attending will be \$25, which includes lunch. Dr. James H. Carraway, professor and chairman of plastic surgery at EVMS, is director of the seminar and will be among several speakers.

Carraway says people can live longer, healthier lives by applying new medical technology and a growing body of knowledge about the aging process.

"Because of all the information being made available outside of standard doctor's care, it's very important for people to learn all they can about anti-aging," Carraway said.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-SENTARA.

## Motivation show gears Green Run for success

The nationally-known Lauren Vision Production is coming to Green Run High School on Friday, Feb. 27.

The Lauren Vision Tour blends high-impact original music, MTV type music videos, live digital video production, computer controlled moving laser lights, dance and straight talk to present a concert experience designed to inspire a message to build self esteem and motivate the listener.

Lauren's message is to stop the violence, start with love, say no to suicide, no to drugs and have vision to stand for what is right. The production focuses on youth issues like drugs, violence, gangs, self esteem and motivation. The audience becomes completely engulfed by the music interactive video, laser lights and massive sound.

All of the Green Run High School ninth grade students, ninth grade teachers and any teachers with a free bell will attend. This production will start at 7:45 a.m. The objective of this production is to support and assist students and staff in developing knowledge and skills for the prevention of violence and substance abuse. The day before the production all

ninth grade teachers will receive evaluation forms to be filled out by each student who attends.

As a follow-up to this assembly classroom/projects will be designed by individual teachers to reinforce desirable behavior.

The program is sponsored by Food Lion and originates from Jacksonville, Fla. Partners in Education (PIE) from Green Run High were awarded a grant making them eligible for this production.

## Childbirth class planned locally

Virginia Beach General Hospital offers a six week Prenatal Childbirth class. Classes are held in the AHome Care Office, Oxford Square, 1450 Kempville Rd. Classes are offered Sundays, March 22 to May 3, from 6-8 p.m.; Mondays, March 23 to April 27, from 7-9 p.m.; and Tuesdays, March 31 to May 2, from 7-9 p.m.

There is a fee. For more information and to register, call the AHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 467-4037.

## Wild horse round-up look for sanction, protection

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The Sandbridge Civic League has asked City Council to give its wild horse round-up operation with the Tidewater Western Riders Association official sanction and legal protection.

In a letter to councilwoman Barbara M. Henley, Fred W. Greene, civic league president, has asked that council adopt an ordinance making official the method of return of the horses, which have been visiting Sandbridge since October, to Currituck County.

He suggested the ordinance also include provisions similar to those passed in North Carolina, to protect the wild horses by prohibiting luring, enticing, seizing, possessing or harboring, molesting, torturing, tormenting, and the like.

Greene said that the wild horses from the Corolla Wild Horse Sanctuary in North Carolina, have visited Sandbridge in the past, but not in the numbers observed for the past four months.

Five of the six horses in the first group entering Sandbridge through the Back Bay Wildlife Refuge were captured and allegedly disposed of in a less than humane manner. The sixth horse, befriended by well-

meaning but ill-advised residents, was struck by a car in December and had to be euthanized by Virginia Beach Animal Control.

To protect other horses entering the city from the Refuge, the civic league and the Western Riders Association developed a short-term plan that would not only protect these endangered horses, but insure their return to their sanctuary in North Carolina. Three horses have been removed have been moved without incident.

While the civic league and the western riders are prepared to continue to provide protection to wild horses entering the city in the future, essentially to perform the duties of animal control, the agencies need assistance and legal support from the city, Greene said.

The desired long-term solution, said Greene, would be to keep the horses out of Sandbridge where they are exposed to traffic. Greene recommended a meeting of interested parties which would include representatives of the city, Currituck County, the North Carolina Back Bay and Mackey Island Wildlife Refuge, False Cape State Park, the Outer Banks Conservation Fund, Corral Wild Horse Fund, Sandbridge Beach Civic League and the Tidewater Western Riders Association.

## Council requests ISTEA OK

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council is requesting Congress to reauthorize the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and to spend revenues collected from transportation for transportation.

In a resolution adopted last week council asked that both House Bill 1173 and Senate Bill 1173 to reauthorize the ISTEA legislation be passed. House Bill 2400 will help assure that all revenue collected for the highway and transit, airport, inland waterways and ports trust funds be used to finance needed transportation improvements and not to hide the size of the deficit.

The resolution notes that the nation's transportation infrastructure system has been instrumental in the economic vitality

of the country but is not sufficient to allow continued growth in the 21st century.

More than \$2.7 billion, the resolution states, has been collected from users but not utilized for the purposes promised and now it in trust funds because of revenue impoundment and artificial spending caps on transportation improvement programs.

The annual cost just to maintain current conditions, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, is nearly \$30 billion for highways, \$5 billion for bridges and almost \$8 billion for transit.

The resolution states also that the Governor of Virginia and the Virginia General Assembly have stated that any additional revenues for transportation should come from the federal government.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

The Southside Artists Association Membership Show will be held March 9, 3-5 p.m. at Chesapeake Center Library, 298 Cedar Rd. in Chesapeake.

The Tidewater Friends of Folk Music "Coffee House" featuring the performance of "Christian Alexander and the Persian Slipper Dancers" scheduled for Feb. 13 has been rescheduled to March 6 at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk. For information, call Christina Alexander, 518-9405. There is \$2 suggested donation at the door.

"Concerto" will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion on Feb. 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. with Robert Swanson of Maury High School on cello and Melanie Morgan of Cox High School on flute.

"Concert In The Round" will be presented at the Chesapeake Conference Center April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Performers Celeste Johnson of Tabb High School on oboe and Yuki Ishihashi of Norfolk Christian High School on violin.

The selection committee included members of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets for the concert will be available the night of the concert for \$5 each at the Pavilion Box Office.

### Clubs

The Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 11 a.m. at Tandon's Pine Tree Inn.

### Education

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## Effort against jet noise is building

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So far, his efforts to have the Navy address the jet noise issue have gone unrewarded.

"I have had no results whatsoever," Stokely said. "I have written letters up and down the chain of command. They just gave me lip service."

"I don't think there's anything unreasonable about the group's aims or what we're trying to do," he said, referring to CCAIN. "The Navy's good for the community, but what's good for the community is good for the Navy."

Conversely, Chesapeake city officials are faced with the same dilemma confronted by their peers in Virginia Beach: addressing residents' concerns while at the same time recognizing the economic impact of the Navy.

The Oceana station is the largest employer in Virginia Beach, with a gross annual payroll of \$224 million. The Navy and its personnel and families also spend another \$156 million in goods and services annually.

For Chesapeake Vice Mayor John W. Butt, compromise is the best solution.

"We certainly want to work with the citizens in the community," he said. "We need to work with both sides, maybe with the way they fly

or the time they fly. Certainly, the people who own homes have a right to express their opinion, and have a right to have as quiet and peaceful as possible."

One thing that Stokely wanted Chesapeake residents to understand is that CCAIN is not anti-Navy.

"This is not anti-Navy," he said.

"This is saying, 'let's take the entire community into account.' We're just saying we really want their attention, and we'd like to see them change the way they do things at the base - not to get rid of the base or interfere with the operations, but to tone them down."

The irony of asking the Navy to modify its operations, when just a few years ago residents worried about the possible closure of Oceana, is not lost on Butt.

"The Navy and the military means a lot to the whole country," he said. "When they were having base closures, everyone here was fighting to keep them open. Since we have all the naval carriers coming into the Hampton Roads area, they need a place for those planes to land. I think things can be worked out."

The next public meeting of CCAIN will be March 7 at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Lynnhaven Middle School.

## 5,000 expected for 26th running of Shamrock Marathon

More than 5,000 athletes are expected to descend on the oceanfront boardwalk for the 26th running of the Shamrock Sportsfest Marathon, the flagship event in 1998 Shamrock Sportsfest March 20-21.

World-ranked national and international runners will compete in five races including the 26-mile marathon which is a qualifier for the 1999 Boston Marathon.

ESPN is set to tape the prestigious event for later broadcast to 65 million cable viewers on its "Saucy Running and Racing" program. Other national and international print and television news coverage is also planned.

The Sportsfest has grown from a local running event with humble beginnings to one with national and international standing. Top competitors will travel from throughout the U.S. and many countries including Russia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Hungary, Ireland, Mexico and Canada for the event.

Noted for qualifying more runners for past Olympic trials than any other race in the U.S. and for setting world records, the Shamrock Sportsfest holds the world record for the Masters 8K set by Nick Rose in 1992 at 23:13, and the former world record set by Greta Waitz in 1986 in the 8K at 25:03.

In addition to the marathon, the Sportsfest will feature an Open 8K race, (identified in Runner's World Magazine as one of the best races of 1995), a Masters 8K race for

runners over 40 years of age, a 5K Fitness and Race Walk and a Children's Marathon.

Kicking off the two-day sporting event on March 20, a Sports and Fitness Expo, one of the largest on the East Coast, will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center. The Expo features a variety of exhibitors from sportswear apparel vendors to nutritional products.

A highlight of the weekend will be the Friday night Runners' Clinic featuring world class Kenya runner, Peter Githuka. One of the hottest runners in the world, Githuka broke the 8K world record last summer. Githuka will answer questions regarding the Kenyan philosophy on running and training which has produced some of the fastest runners in competition today.

On Saturday, March 21, race events will begin at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center at 8:30 a.m. The courses include portions of Virginia Beach's famous oceanfront boardwalk and Fort Story where marathon runners will pass the country's oldest lighthouse.

The two-day event will conclude with a post-race beach music party at the 24th Street Park on the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Major sponsors of the event are Bud Light, 360° Communications and Adidas.

For more information on the Virginia Beach Shamrock Sportsfest, call 481-5090.

customers saying it was the first time in more than 20 years their neighborhood had not flooded during heavy rains. The storm water fees also go toward a six-year capital improvement program valued at \$53 million, and we are beginning to see results.

These projects are aimed at reducing flood and pollutant discharges in areas throughout the city where problems have been identified. Eleven major projects have been completed since the fee was introduced in 1993. Even with the extensive rains which occurred with the recent twin Nor'Easters, flooding in these areas was reduced or eliminated.

Additional projects funded over the next six years include work in Oceana Gardens, North Lake Holly, Laskin Road, Lake Shores, Elizabeth River Shores, Fair Meadows, Larkspur, North Virginia Beach, Columbus Street, Arctic Avenue/Baltic Avenue, Hilltop Manor, Euclid, Chesapeake Beach/Lake Chubb, Lynnhaven Colony/Cape Story By-the-Sea, Lynnhaven Drive/Long Creek, Pocahontas Village, Princess Anne Plaza, Rosemont Road/Windward Woods, Sandbridge and Southern Canals and Lead Ditch Restoration.

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## Dominion production is 'swinging'

It is London 1944 and a troupe of five vintage World War II girls are boosting the morale of American airmen at a USO concert during the blitz. Leading the group is Marian Ames, a gracefully aging movie legend who, after 17 years with MGM, is being put out to pasture.

Marian's niece, Katie Gammersflugel, has joined the group with a surprising ulterior motive along with Marian's Hollywood stand-in and sidekick, Jo Sterling. Lilly McBain, a sultry, Southern beauty, is the resident bombshell and Topeka Abotelli, a tough talking homemaker turned entertainer from Brooklyn, round out the cast. The girls bicker, but always blend and they even manage to bond before the night concludes.

The script, cleverly written by Linda Thorsen Bond, William Repicci and Charles Busch, is authentic complete with an air raid and references to icons from Hollywood's Golden Age.

This nostalgic musical hit has enjoyed a long run off-Broadway and in London before sweeping theaters across the country. The *New York Times* claimed that "Swingtime Canteen" is "An exuberant excursion back to the days of World War III" *TIME* called "Swingtime Canteen" "A Wower!" "Swingtime Canteen" is an evocative balancing act of music and comedy, parody and sentiment. . . . They make the good war sound great. It is 'a must see! A must enjoy!' according to Cindy Adams of the *New York Post*. Robin Leach raves, "Extraordinary! I haven't laughed so hard in my life. Go see it!"

This star-spangled tribute to our boys in blue presents a cavalcade of '40s hits sure to captivate any audience. "I'll Be Seeing You," "How High The Moon," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "A-ccent-chu-ate the Positive," "Thank Your Lucky Stars and Stripes" and a 12-song Andrews Sister medley are just a few of the classics featured in this sentimental journey to a bygone era.



SINGING OUT! The girls of the "Swingtime Canteen" (Debbie Garrick, Virginia Vail, Shea Segar Smith, Sandy Martin Hudgins and Amy Murray) take audiences through a "Sentimental Journey" four nights a week in the new musical presented by Dominion Theater.

"Swingtime Canteen" is produced and directed by Gary Spell (multiple *Portfolia* award winner). Dominion Theater, under the direction of Spell, has won the *Port Folio* Award for Best Musical in the region for the past three years.

Performances of "Swingtime Canteen" run Feb. 28 through May 29 on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with dinner seating at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. with brunch seating at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for evening performances are \$36.50 for dinner and theater, \$22 for theater only.

Tickets for the Sunday matinee are \$33 for brunch and theater, \$17 for theater only. Children's tickets for evening and matinee performances are \$22 for dinner and theater, \$13 for theater only.

For reservations or additional information, call 366-5749.

Dominion Theater is located in The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach.



SPREADING SMILES. "Grand Dame of the Silver Screen" Marian Ames, portrayed by Sandy Martin Hudgins, conducts a five-girl troupe and six-piece swing band in a World War II tribute to the boys overseas in "Swingtime Canteen."

## High Renaissance artist opens exhibit

The works of artist Levon Mnazakanian, a contemporary master of the high Renaissance style of painting, will be on display at Regent University this Wednesday through March 12.

A reception for the artist will officially open the exhibit the 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Mnazakanian was born in Armenia, a section of Soviet Russia, in 1923. He studied art in Yerevan, Moscow and Leningrad, and eventually became an acknowledged master of High Renaissance style, his works being compared to those of Rembrandt and Da Vinci.

But Mnazakanian's subject matter and interpretations, which were very Christian in nature, drew fire from the Russian government during the anti-God era of the early 1960s, and he was pressed to

change his style. Seeking to preserve his freedom of religion and his gift of expressing his painting, Mnazakanian left his native country, finding asylum in the United States in 1965.

Shortly after his arrival in the U.S., Mnazakanian was granted a one-man show by the Copley Society. Since then, his work has received critical acclaim in this country and abroad. His paintings are in many churches and private collections throughout the U.S. Locally, several of his works are on display at the studio headquarters building of the Christian Broadcasting Network. Many of Mnazakanian's paintings are also housed in churches and collections across Europe, such as that of the Archbishop of Canterbury in England.

Although his works have been

likened to those of many great masters of High Renaissance art, Mnazakanian's work is uniquely his own. He does not use photographs in producing his paintings, rather he strictly pursues studies of real life and uses live models for his figurative compositions.

"When I, as an Christian artist, am successful in capturing the essence of God's majestic and harmonious creation, I will accomplish my goal of communication, which is to permit the viewer a spiritual insight and/or contact with the Creator," Mnazakanian said.

In practice, he strives to approach the technical skills of the High Renaissance period as much as humanly possible. In an unsuccessful pursuit to find unadulterated cold-pressed linseed

oil, he resorted to pressing his own linseeds using a hydraulic press. He stretches, primes and gessoes his own canvas and grinds his own oil paints as done in the centuries-old, time-consuming manner.

Through experimentation and study, he has sought to uncover the lost technical secrets of the Renaissance Masters and feels that he has made significant progress in rediscovering some of their methods.

The collection of nearly 50 of Mnazakanian's paintings, including a breathtaking impression of Christ's Resurrection, will be on display in the Regent Library Promenade on the second floor. The public is invited at no charge, weekdays and Saturdays during the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. throughout the two-week exhibit.

## Storm water fees generate income of needed projects

Virginia Beach property owners will be receiving Storm Water Management Service bills for the period July 1 through Dec. 31 within the next week. Approximately 120,000 bills will be mailed, with the average bill for homeowners being \$19.50, which is just over \$3 per month.

The Storm Water Management Service fees generate \$7.8 million annually, which is used for maintaining existing drainage pipes, ditches, inlets, ponds and canals which direct rain water away from our streets and homes, and reducing the amount of pollutants deposited into our rivers and waterways, allowing the city to comply with federal and state permit requirements for storm water control.

During the past year, efforts include:

- Removal of 22,406 cubic yards of siltation from lakes and canals.
- Cleaning of 256 miles of roadside and lead ditches.
- Installation of 5,630 feet of drainage pipe.
- Completion of 5,048 citizen requested work orders.
- Repair of 2,143 structural cave-ins.
- Response to 263 reported hazardous spills in the storm water system.

After the recent northeasters, the office received some calls from

## Author Milteer addresses trade show

Lee Milteer will be the featured keynote speaker at the Southeastern Virginia Chapter of Community Association Institute's (SEVA-CAI) annual trade show and conference.

Community Associations Day — on Saturday, March 14 at the new Chesapeake Conference Center.

Milteer has recently completed a tour throughout the United States with Zig Ziglar and has shared the platform with other famous speakers such as Dr. Norman

Vincent Peale, Brian Tracy and Og Mandino. Her programs have helped hundreds of thousands of people around the world achieve success.

Her new book, "Feel and Grow Rich, How to Inspire Yourself to Get Anything You Want," is becoming a bestseller. Milteer has developed and provided training films for Dun and Bradstreet, Bell Telephone and many private companies. Her client portfolio includes Walt Disney, AT&T,

Xerox, Federal Express, General Electric, IBM and Westinghouse. Milteer is inspirational in getting people to recognize their own personal power and use their potential to live life to its fullest.

The conference registration fee of \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members includes continental breakfast, exhibit area, educational seminars with National CAI Faculty Speakers, lunch and afternoon social. The registration deadline is Feb. 28. Registration at

the door is limited. Exhibitor spaces are available at \$350 for members and \$400 for non-members. Complete registration and exhibitor information can be requested by calling or faxing the chapter office, 464-3009.

There are more than 10 million community assistance associations in the United States and CAI is the leader in the development and delivery of educational programs defining the body of knowledge in management, law and operations.

## Taking the oath

Howard Lashbaugh, left, division captain of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 5th District, administered the oath of office to Flotilla 57 Commander Jerry Rogoff, center, and Vice Commander Bill Jackson recently. The change-of-watch ceremony took place at Coast Guard Station Little Creek.



## Continuing Education program gets hands on with art courses

The Continuing Education program at Virginia Wesleyan College is offering several special classes this month:

■ Feb. 21 - Pottery Design: Building With Clay, creating, firing, glazing with Bette Begley; also Feb. 21, March 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and March 14, 9-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$69 (materials furnished).

■ Feb. 24 - Special Effects For Painting: Painting Illusions, faux finishing, painting small furniture, boxes, frames with Miriam Davidson; Feb. 24, 26, March 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$59.

■ Feb. 26 - Mediation and Conflict Resolution Workshop, day-long workshop with box lunch. For managers or employees interested in restoring a productive work environment. Robin Coward and Ann Fallon, Virginia Supreme Court certified mediators; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$75.

■ Feb. 28 - Women in Music, roles of women as composers, conductors, teachers, patrons, throughout the ages. Local female musicians as guest speakers. Leslie Stewart, Governor's School of the Arts, ODU Community Music Academy and professional violinist, conductor and author; Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 28 and April 4, 10 a.m.-noon; Cost is \$75.

Call the Office of Continuing Education, 455-3100, for more information.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 1998 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that these conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

**SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:**  
1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ferrell Parkway Associates, L.L.C. Property is located at 5020 Ferrell Parkway, KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Matilda Russell for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District and O-2 Office District to R-S Residential Single-Family District on the east side of S. Kentucky Avenue, 183 feet south of Bonney Road, Lot 7-12 & 13, Block 1, Midway. The proposed zoning classification change to R-S is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 5000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high density at densities that are compatible with townhouse and multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 20,996 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

3. Application of The Southland Corporation for an Amendment to the Green Run Land Use Plan to allow gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store and a car wash on certain property located at the northeast corner of S. Independence Boulevard and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel contains 2,414 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Whitehurst Auto Tech, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to B-2 Community Business District on Lots 20, 21, 22, 42, 43 & 44, Block 41, Euclid Place. The proposed zoning classification change of B-2 is for commercial

land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 200 Dorset Avenue and contains -17,250 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Whitehurst Auto Tech, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service on Lots 20, 21, 22, 42, 43 & 44, Block 41, Euclid Place. Said parcel is located at 200 Dorset Avenue and contains 17,250 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial parking lot at the northeast intersection of Atlantic Avenue and 30th Street. Said parcel is located at 3003 Atlantic Avenue and contains 1.03 acres. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Mills Lawn & Garden/James H. Mills for a Conditional Use Permit for small engine repair on the east side of Commonwealth Place on Lot G-2, Level Green. Said parcel is located at 928 Commonwealth Place and contains 1.54 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Agape International Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 1036 feet more or less north of Courthouse Loop. Said parcel is located at 2641 Princess Anne Road and contains 10.867 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Larry's Import Center, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair garage on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 150 feet more or less east of Riddle Avenue. Said parcel is located at 1803 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1 acre more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Jim Briggs for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 182.5 feet east of Louisiana Avenue. Said parcel is located at 1618 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 27,442.8 square feet. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**

11. An Ordinance upon Application of O & R, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District & P-1 Preservation District to A-18 Apartment District with a PD-H Planned Unit Development Overlay on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Shore Drive and W. Stratford Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-18 with a PD-H overlay is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwellings units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor and natural resources/conservation use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 3800 Shore Drive and contains 4,039 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

**STREET CLOSURE:**  
12. Application of O&R, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to A-18 Apartment District and abandonment of a portion of Powhatan Avenue beginning on the west side of Powhatan Avenue and running between Lots 1 through 4, Block 40 and Lots 6 through 14, Block 46 as shown on the plat entitled "Survey of right-of-Way Street Closure for a Portion of Powhatan Avenue located between Block 40 and 46 of Ocean Park" and recorded in Map Book 5, Page 132. Said parcel contains 35,594 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

13. Application of Weldon T. Jr., and Gertrude A. Byrns for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of an unnamed street beginning at the southeast corner of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad right-of-way and running in an easterly direction a distance of 163.97 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 8,198.5 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

14. Application of School Board of Virginia Beach for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of 15th Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Mediterranean Avenue and running in an easterly direction a distance of 325 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 16,250 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 12/10/97.  
15. An Ordinance to amend Section 203 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to on-site

parking requirements for restaurants and parking requirements for extremely large shopping centers.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/11/98.

16. Application of Atlantic Shores Retirement Community, LLC, Atlantic Shores Cooperative Association, Inc., for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a retirement community on March 12, 1990. Property is located at 1200 Atlantic Shores Drive. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Davisville Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District at the southwest intersection of First Colonial Road and Republic Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 11,681 acres more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.  
Robert J. Scott  
Planning Director  
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolution and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303. Hearing impaired, call TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

Virginia:  
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**  
KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard M. Walzer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to A-36 Apartment District on the south side of Bonney Road, 500 feet more or less east of Bendix Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-36 is for apartment land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4353 Bonney Road and contains 3,023.99 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**  
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard M. Walzer for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for the elderly on the south side of Bonney Road, 500 feet more or less east of Bendix Road. Said parcel is located at 4353 Bonney Road and contains 3,023.99 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

**CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:**  
LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH  
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to B-2 Community Business District on the east side of Riddle Avenue, south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1603-1813 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 4560 square feet more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:**  
BAYSIDE BOROUGH  
4. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Metromet Inc. dba 360 Communications Co., for a Conditional Use Permit for a nonstopper tower for wireless communications at the intersection of Wesleyan Drive and Haygood Road. Said parcel is located at 3600 Haygood Road and contains 32.28 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Teach H. Phillips, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automotive repair facility on certain property located on the

south side of Cleveland Street beginning at a point 250 feet east of Opal Avenue. Said parcel contains 2.03 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

**ENLARGEMENT OF NONCONFORMING USE:**  
VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH  
6. Application of PDS, Inc., T/A McDonald's for an enlargement of a nonconforming use at the southwest corner of Pacific Avenue and 21st Street. Said parcel is located at 300 21st Street and contains 49,000 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.  
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAC  
City Clerk  
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### Public Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY**

The Virginia Beach City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the disposition and sale of a parcel of City owned property, Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the City Council Chamber. The property is located on the southeast corner of Independence Boulevard and South Boulevard in the Kempville Borough. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain public input to determine whether this property should be declared "Excess of the City's Needs," and sold to the adjacent property owners.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to the Office of Real Estate, Room 170, Building #2 in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. The Real Estate Office telephone number is 427-4161.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAC  
City Clerk

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### Public Notice

Auction: 1990 HYUNDAI EXCEL  
Serial: KMHVD1216JL030294  
Auction Date: 3/2/98

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Accept, Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.

Tidewater Accept, Corp. reserves the right to bid.

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### Public Notice

VIRGINIA IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE  
IN RE: Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia v. Tony B. Mejia  
Cynthia B. Cavero Mejia, Plaintiff v.

Tony B. Mejia, Defendant  
CASE NO. CP98-226

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this suit is for the said plaintiff to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonial on the grounds that parties have been separated without cohabitation and without interruption exceeding a period over one year.

It is ORDERED that Tony B. Mejia appear and protect his interest, on or before March 30, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
By Bill Maull, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

VIRGINIA IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: In the matter of the adoption of the minor child known as JASMIN JOY SEXTON  
CASE NO. CA98-14

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is for Step-parent adoption.

It is ORDERED that James Russell Sexton appear and protect his interest, on or before March 19, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia

Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
By Cindy Villalpando, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE  
4218 Gadwall Place  
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stanley D. Rowh and Diana L. Rowh dated May 02, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3737, page 971, securing a loan which was originally \$58,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the City of Virginia Beach Circuit Court House, Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on February 27, 1998 at 8:30 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 3, Block 29  
"Subdivision of Willow Wood"

Sax Map# 1476 84 6995 0000  
The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

**TERMS:** CASH: A non-refundable deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

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FOR INFORMATION

CONTACT:  
Draper and Goldberg PLLC  
and/or Nectar Projects, Inc.  
Substitute Trustees  
722 E. Market Street, Suite 104  
Leesburg, Virginia 20176  
(703) 777-5540

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### Public Notice

**NOTICE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be held on the 3rd day of March, 1998, at 2:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455, the undersigned will petition the Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the heretofore described portion of 15th Street and report to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing, and discontinuance of the portion of same. Said portion of the street being described as follows:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, more particularly described as "15th STREET TO BE CLOSED BY THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL AREA-03730 AC. OR 16,250 SQ. FT." as shown on that certain plat entitled "STREET CLOSURE PLAT OF PORTION OF 15TH STREET FROM THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH BEACH BOROUGH-VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA SCALE 1"=50' 21 JANUARY 1998," prepared by W.P. Lurge, Inc., to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

At that time, any affected person may appear and be heard.

At the next meeting of the City Council, after the report of the Viewers is received, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the Council agenda, the undersigned will petition the City Council to vacate, close and discontinue the portion of street in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia as described above.

**SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**  
By Elizabeth Fox, Of Counsel  
Elizabeth L. Fontaine, Esquire  
Elizabeth B. Fox, Esquire  
City Attorney's Office  
Municipal Center  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
(757) 427-4331

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## DAR chapters host author.

The 15 Southside chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution will jointly host their annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 21 at noon at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. The event will honor the 266th birthday anniversary of one of Virginia's most distinguished, George Washington.

The DAR, known for its efforts in promoting patriotism, have been hosting this celebration for about 25 years. The host chapters are Old Dominion, Borough of Norfolk, Great Bridge and Sarah Constant in Norfolk; Adam Thoroughgood, Lynnhaven Parish, Francis Land and Princess Anne County in Virginia Beach; Chesapeake Chapter; Constantia in Suffolk; Colonel William Allen in Smithfield; and Fort Nelson and Four Flags in Portsmouth.

The speaker will be Alf J. Mapp Jr., a native of this area, eminent professor at Old Dominion University. He is the recipient of many awards and honors for his writing. He is the author of eight books, co-author of others and is a well-known authority on "Thomas Jefferson, having written two books on that distinguished patriot. The "Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States" lists him as one of the two most important historians and one of the seven most important writers in any category born in 20th century Virginia.

Mapp will be available for signings of a few of his most recent books after the program.

## Future Miss pageant taking applications

Applications are available now for the Future Miss America Pageant to be held April 5 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. Three age groups may apply: Future Miss America, ages 3 to 7; Preteen Future Miss America, ages 8 to 12; and Teen Future Miss America, ages 13 to 16. Applications must be returned by March 2. Beverly Lawrence, 497-3412, is to receive an application.

## Suspect sought in Albano robbery

On Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:40 p.m., a subject entered the Albano Cleaners at 5316 Kemps River Rd. The man was holding a small gun and demanded money from the clerk. The clerk complied, opened the register and gave him money. The subject left the store toward Indian River Road.

He was described as black, 5-feet-7-inches tall with a medium build, in his early 30s, clean shaven with light skin. He was wearing all black - ball cap, sunglasses, jeans and a down winter jacket.

If you have any information on this crime call Crime Solvers at 427-0000. You will remain anonymous and could receive up to \$1,000 reward.

## Crime Solvers

By Det. Lou Chappell, Virginia Beach Police Department



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TO PLACE YOUR AD IN  
THE CLASSIFIEDS  
547-4571**

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# Preserving Beach history

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**Gene Carter**, a professor of interior design at Tidewater Community College's Chesapeake Campus, was on hand to confer with the architects from Spodek's committee at the prominent historic home. He also submitted a refurbishment proposal for restoring the interior of the Ferry Plantation House.

The proposition proffered by interior design program students included restoration and preservation of the trim and details, preservation of the plaster walls, flooring preservation and repair, windows and glazing, locks and hinges, paint studies and painting, heating and air conditioning systems, fireplaces and chimneys, plumbing and

electrical, and restoration of architectural features.

Carter's interior design students are also in the process of researching the interior decor of the house as it would have existed between 1830 and 1850.

In addition, they are in the process of measuring the house in an effort to provide complete set of blueprints for the historic structure. The finished blueprints will include "full scaled detail sections of all interior trim and construction detailing of windows of the first floor main block."

Jo Howren, president of the Friends of the Ferry Plantation House, seemed encouraged by the committee's suggestions and proposals as well as excited about the future of the house.

"We had a lot of expertise and experience in this room who, as

far as I was concerned, were able to show us some new ways and new perspectives of looking at the situation that had not been in focus before," she remarked.

"They articulated several ideas that particularly impressed me. One being that the house itself is the artifact here. The important thing here right now is the house. We have to consider that as the primary artifact," she insisted.

"We cannot create archival conditions here for delicate pieces, or we will end up harming the structure itself."

Preserving the Ferry Plantation House was thought to be an unrealistic goal by many. After four years of agonizingly slow progress, the project is finally beginning to gain some momentum.

Since the first of the year, the pace toward preservation has picked up considerably, according to Howren.

She is encouraged by the involvement of the people and organizations that have stepped forward to lend a hand in preserving the old plantation house.

"We've been inching along for four years here with a project that some people said was impossible. We've just been doing it one step at a time," Howren said.

The preservation process is gathering momentum, and the groundswell of support is rising rapidly.

Howren and her Friends of the Ferry Plantation House have apparently caught the wave of success. How long and how far that surge will take them remains to be seen.

"It's a little bit like a tsunami," Howren confided. "And we're just going to ride it to the point where the house is stabilized and open again."



**DETAILS, DETAILS.** Jo Howren of the Friends of Ferry Plantation House jots down notes for preserving what some say is the most historic site in Virginia Beach.

# Volunteers will paint town

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"The best way to describe Reside With Pride is a 'quasi-city agency' composed of citizens and people from the Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Department. They act as a clearinghouse to locate homeowners — low-income, disabled and elderly — who need assistance. They then funnel them to the appropriate group or agency who can help them, like Paint Your Heart Out," Wood said.

Last year he was one of 150 Virginia Beach residents to live up his sleeves and paint his heart out.

"It's rewarding because these people really have no other place to turn," he said. "Right now what's critical is finding some qualified homeowners."

A Rotary member, Wood believes that the regional PYHO effort lives up to the Rotary motto of "Service above self."

"You're really getting out there and seeing the results," he said.

Wood recalled one homeowner, Walter Mack Gay, who, though being blind, had attempted to do house repairs himself. Understandably, the structure needed quite a face-lift when the PYHO team arrived.

Staff from CINCLAFIT braved snakes to demolish a deteriorated and condemned outbuilding on the property, then painted the home.



**A DAB HERE AND THERE.** Virginia Beach's elderly homeowners who benefited from last year's painting project offered gracious thanks for the assistance from Reside With Pride.

"The Lord sent them here because I wasn't able to pay for this to be done," Gay said. "All these volunteers came in here and did this work — and the Lord's going to bless them, each and every one."

In Chesapeake, where PYHO started seven years ago as a project of the Chesapeake Rotary Club, volunteers lacked 25 homes in 1997 and will reach that number again this year.

Mayor William E. Ward bragged that Chesapeake is "the heart of Hampton Roads," as far as PYHO goes.

"But what we do April 25 will transcend that," he said. "It exemplifies what makes this wonderful land great. We will also give back to those individuals who gave so much to our community."

Norfolk, which joined PYHO in 1995, has 1998 bragging rights with 35 homes. Suffolk will paint 10.

"The miracle is not only the houses you are painting, you are bringing Hampton Roads together under one banner," said Virginia Beach Mayor Meyers Oberndorf during last Thursday's kickoff at



**HAVE A HEART.** Mayor Meyers Oberndorf congratulates Paint Your Heart Out for the difference it has made in the life of senior citizens who can't afford to fix up their homes.

the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Now the job of those volunteers is to find qualified homeowners.

In general, they must be aged 62 or older, own their own home and live on a low fixed income. Sponsors to donate cash, painting supplies and other goods are also needed. Call 489-PYHO to learn more.

# Minding manners is mission of Beach etiquette expert

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Manners, manners. What child hasn't been told by their mother to take their elbows off the table and to never, ever slurp soup?

The dining room, much less a restaurant, can be a daunting place for any youngster who has pondered which silverware to use with their meal and, more importantly, how to use it.

A quick lesson is in order, which is where expert Tina Pestalozzi comes in.

A certified consultant trained at The Protocol School of Washington, the Virginia Beach resident shares the skills necessary to manipulate silverware, graciously greet acquaintances and converse confidently.

All of this comes in two courses, Etiquette for Today planned for two upcoming Saturdays at the Chesapeake Conference Center, and Dining and Etiquette Camp, slated for March 21 at The Founders Inn.

Pestalozzi remembers being baffled as a child by the complications of "polite" living.

"I remember what it was like before I knew what to do as far as silverware and correct behavior," she smiled. "I think everyone feels much more relaxed when they know what they're doing — or think they know what they're doing."

In the days where "anything goes," Pestalozzi says is no wonder children are confused about correct etiquette.

"The rules are changing all the time. For instance, many restaurants serve anyway they want to. It leaves people wondering what they should do."

Pestalozzi's training at the nation's leading etiquette firm was nothing less than intensive. That doesn't mean, however, that youngsters must master everything from polite leg crossing to "thank you" notes.

"The courses that I teach are basically self-confidence building courses. For me the emphasis is showing respect for others through etiquette. It's so important nowadays," she said.

Dealing with children, though, is a whole different ball game than training rising corporate stars.

"The younger children are in that mode where they want to absorb everything. The older children find it interesting because they want to know



**ETIQUETTE COUNTS.** Linda Pestalozzi will teach lessons in dining and social graces to youths during classes at the Chesapeake Conference Center and The Founders Inn.

anything that will help them feel less awkward. I was amazed that the kids enjoyed it — they actually had fun," Pestalozzi said.

**Etiquette for Today** is a six-hour comprehensive program for two age groups. Tuition is \$114, and classes are offered at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

The two-part course is set for this Saturday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 8 to 12; and 2 to 5 p.m. for ages 13 to 17.

Topics include meetings and introductions, developing confidence in meeting new acquaintances, handshaking, conversation and listening skills, good grooming, telephone etiquette, dating, employment and etiquette of public places.

Dining and Etiquette Camp, scheduled for March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, is for ages 8 to 13. Tuition is \$65. An on-site tutorial luncheon is included.

Confidence in party and dining situations frees a person from worrying about making mistakes.

The program, highlighting such topics as the ABC's of dining, tipping, difficult-to-eat foods and table manners, address special situations where children, teens and young adults feel uncomfortable.

Pestalozzi also addresses young people's most commonly asked questions, such as "What clothing do you wear when you go out?" and "How do you pull out a lady's chair?"

"The kids keep you hopping," she admitted. "I encourage questions."

Pestalozzi, who will begin offering "Dining Like a Diplomat" in the fall, said the courses reinforce what parents tell their children at home. She hopes youths will take away with them "that it's important to treat others with respect and have self-confidence."

Her ultimate goal is to get business sponsorships and offer etiquette lessons to at-risk children whose families cannot afford such training.

To register or for more information, call Pestalozzi, 471-8293.

# Trees, not billboards, please council

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billboard visibility, and to increase the permit fees to cover the costs of administration of billboards.

Judy Terjen, a member of the Virginia Beach Garden Club and of the Garden Club of America, said that this is the first time the Garden Club of Virginia has written its own legislation.

Agelasto pointed out that nine of the top 10 tourist cities in Virginia have some sort of billboard legislation, including Virginia Beach, which indicates that beautification of an area is what tourists are looking to find instead of clusters of billboards.

She said the bill would only ban new billboards and would not ban all off-premise advertising signs.

Agelasto also pointed out that the Outdoor Advertising Association wants to cut trees on public land including those trees planted with taxpayer money; to

increase the current cutting size for trees to six or eight inches in diameter and trees as tall as 40 feet; to scare businesses into thinking the Garden Club of Virginia wants to ban all off-premise signs; to take a public property for the benefit of a private industry; to put structures behind public trees; and then demand the trees be cut; to continue the industry encroachment on VDOE's former policy of no cutting in front of billboards.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan said the legislation is very important.

According to the Garden Club of Virginia, the total number of billboards is going up by as much as 5,000 to 15,000 new ones a year. The current number of billboards on federal-aid highways in the United States is about 500,000, up from about 300,000 in 1965.

Virginia has an estimated 7,500

billboards, 5.6 billboards for every 10 miles of federal aid highways.

Virginia has 2,629 non-conforming billboards, but few are removed because the federal highway beautification act has been amended, under pressure from the billboard industry, the Garden Club said, to require billboard owners to be funded with their taxpayer dollars before removal.

Permit fees charged for billboards are low-Virginia has a \$432,000 yearly deficit in costs to administer billboard control, the fifth highest of the 50 states.

Twenty-six states allow no cutting of trees on the public right-of-way in front of billboards, including Maryland, Kentucky and Georgia. Virginia allows cutting of trees up to two inches in diameter to improve billboard visibility. No tree cutting is allowed in front of non-conforming billboards, a regulation passed by the State Highway Commission.

# Reside With Pride entries

Reside With Pride, founded in 1992, has assisted more than 35 homeowners with roof repairs, mended porches, fresh paint to new windows, even minor yard cleanups.

Criteria for the program are:

- Owner must reside in Virginia Beach.
- Home must be owner-occupied.

- Earned annual income of approximately \$15,000 or less.
- Preference given to elderly, physically- or mentally-challenged people.

To receive an application, call Reside With Pride, 563-1000. The application deadline is March 10.

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School Board seeks \$6 million for integrated data system

Miss Cox pageant

Cox High School Key Club presents the annual Miss Cox Pageant March 5 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The 11 students vying for the crown are seniors Alexis Becker, Christy Brumley, Kristan Butler, Maya Doniewski, Kendall Drew, Chanel Thomas and Brielle Edelman; juniors Valerie Gaines and Amery Thurman; sophomore Felicia Hocker; and freshman Erin Welch. In keeping with the pageant's theme, "The Way You Look Tonight," Key Club members will model formal fashions provided by David's Bridal and Mitchell's Formal Wear at Lynhaven Mall. Tickets will be available the week of the pageant for a reduced price. The night of the pageant, tickets will be \$5.

Course offerings

The Virginia Beach Adult Learning Center is conducting registration for second semester classes. Programs offered include Basic Skills/Pre GED, GED Preparation, English as a Second Language and Special Interest classes. Special Interest classes are relatively short, economical offerings in business and personal development and personal and professional technology. CPE credits for accountants are also available for certain courses. Registration is currently underway. For more information call the Adult Learning Center Help Line, 519-9960.

Luncheon series

"Kempsville Discovery" a potpourri of community-oriented courses, will be held each Wednesday in March from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd. There will be two classes and lunch during each Wednesday program. The courses include travelogues, a Bible study, current events of special interest to people in Tidewater, and practical guides to commonplace problems. The cost for the four sessions is \$8 for the classes only or \$24 for the classes and lunch. Register by Feb. 27. For more information call, 495-1021.

Police recruitment

Virginia Beach is accepting applications for the position of police officer recruit through March 3. Interested individuals may contact the Human Resources Department at Building 18 in the Municipal Center (Room 105) to obtain application materials and schedule the required testing. Applicants who respond to this advertisement will be considered for employment in either the August or January 1999 academies. For additional information regarding qualifications, call the BEACH-LINE, 427-3580, access code 808 or visit the website www.virginia-beach.va.us.

Oyster roast

Enjoy music, food, fun and friendship at the 22nd Annual Oyster Roast benefiting the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad on Sunday, March 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. Join in the fun at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center and enjoy fresh oysters, clam chowder, barbecue, beer, soft drinks and music. All proceeds will benefit the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad. There is no charge for the service, and no members are paid. This is one of the squad's largest fund-raising events for the year. Tickets cost \$25 each and are deductible. They are available only in advance from the Beach Pub, Nick's Hospitality Restaurant, South Beach Grill, the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad and any rescue squad member.

Carry-In Carry-Out

Many of Virginia Beach's neighborhood parks will be the test sites beginning April 1 for the Carry-In Carry-Out Program, an anti-litter program developed by the Departments of Parks and Recreation and General Services/Landscape Services. As part of this program, park patrons will be encouraged to carry out items requiring disposal when they leave the park. Once the program is implemented, signs will be installed and all trash cans will be removed from the designated neighborhood parks. For more information, call Ray Emerson, 563-100.

Concert series

Community United Methodist Church will begin its annual Community Concert Series with a performance by "Three" a group composed of the CUMC men's choir, members of Norfolk District United Methodist Men's Choir and the "Faithful Men" of Kempsville Presbyterian Church. The concert will be held Saturday, March 14 at 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd. The performance, which promises to be an evening of sacred and secular choral music of male voices, is free and open to the public. For more information about the concert, contact Kevin Thomson, 427-6708.

By Lee Cahill City Council Reporter

The school system will have to wait for the adoption of the city budget on May 12 before it receives City Council approval of up to a \$6 million appropriation for a new integrated data system. City Council members at a work session Tuesday acknowledged the need for a new system, but wanted to include consideration of the appropriation along with the rest of the budget. Financing for the project would be available from unanticipated monies of over \$5.5 million from the additional Federal Impact Air funds, Department of Defense funds and an unanticipated settlement from Trigon Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Victoria Lewis, chief financial officer for the school system, said that these funds, intended for the school division are appropriate for the one-time expense for the implementation of an integrated system. Lewis pointed out that the grand jury

report on the fiscal 94-95 school budget deficit recommends the purchase of an integrated position control system linking budget, personnel and payroll. Lewis said the system would allow better monitoring and control of 86 percent of the school division's funds which are related to personnel costs. The school system has different databases for its human resources and payroll departments so that time-consuming match-ups are needed in a system that has 9,500 employees but compensates up to 11,000 employees such as part-time clerical and substitutes who are not maintained in the human resources database. The schools are using a system abandoned by the city in 1989 in favor of an integrated system. The school division and the city used the common payroll system until 1989 when the city developed its current system. The replaced system is still in use by the school system and is close to 20 years old. In addition to the separate data systems,

the school system has to use voluminous computer printouts, Lewis said. The lack of integration between the systems makes it possible for an employee to be paid from the payroll system without proper authorization from the human resources department. Council members did not see the need of moving ahead on the School Board request immediately since budget approval is less than three months away. Questions were also raised on the advisability of establishing the \$6 million figure since it might tend to discourage lower bids. The school system is working on RFPs (requests for proposals), a process that will take three or four weeks before submitting the project to bid. School board member Neil L. Rose said that if the system does not have council's authorization in advance some consultants would be less likely to bid at a cost of \$50,000 to \$100,000. With a smaller pool the bids would tend to be higher. Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said,

however, that if council appropriates \$6 million, the bids will come in around \$6 million. He asked whether council could agree to an expenditure, but not put a dollar sign on the amount. If the city does that, Rose said, the money would not be encumbered. Councilwoman Barbara Hentley said that she agreed that the system should be acquired but not for \$6 million. Even if the schools use city expertise, said Lewis, the schools would still need a consultant and the process would not be reduced by more than \$300,000. "There's nothing wrong with saving \$300,000," Hentley said. Councilman Louis R. Jones said that he is confused about the urgency, that council may be making a decision ahead of time that will impact the budget. When questioned about the likelihood of consolidating the school human resources and payroll functions with the city's, superintendent of schools Timothy R. Jenney said that he didn't

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Cooper recalls forgotten craft

Thoroughgood visitors treated to peek into past

By Bob Rueggesser Correspondent

Guests at the historic Adam Thoroughgood House were treated to a look Saturday at the nearly forgotten craft of coopering — barrel building and cask making. Local cooper Bob Harvey was on hand to demonstrate the "lost art" of coopering that author John Seymour describes in "The Forgotten Crafts" as "truly an art, difficult to learn and one requiring long experience and great skill." "Barrels were the shipping containers, so they were used for shipping everything," Harvey said. "Hardware, tools, china, clothing — all of those things. They were used very much the way we use cardboard cartons." Generally, they were used once and discarded. Tobacco was shipped from colonial Virginia to England in huge barrels called hogheads, which were tightly packed with tobacco. When the hogheads arrived in England they were taken apart — completely apart — to remove the tobacco.

Harvey speculated that the wood from the disassembled barrels might have been used for firewood and for fashioning smaller wooden vessels. Apprentice coopers, according to Harvey, spent considerable time learning their craft. "It was a lengthy, lengthy term. It took six or seven years as an apprentice to learn the trade," he said. At one time in colonial America, the number of coopers almost equaled the number of blacksmiths. Wooden shipping containers were in such demand that the services of skilled coopers were required on every plantation and on every ship. Of course, not all coopers possessed the same degree of skill. "I don't think all of them had gone through apprenticeships; I think many of them probably had been trained in some basic fundamentals by trained coopers so they could do things like put buckets together," Harvey speculated. "Buckets will fall apart. That's one of the hazards of a bucket. If it's not used properly, it will fall apart. You can train a carpenter to do some basic coopering, and I think that's what happened in a lot of cases." Slaves were often trained in coopering.

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TAKING A REST, Bob Harvey sits outside the Thoroughgood House with his first coopering project, a white cedar bucket.

'99 real estate assessments ready

By Lee Cahill City Council Reporter

When the city's property owners receive their assessments for 1999, which are being sent out today by the office of the real estate assessor, approximately 75 percent will find that their properties have appreciated, translating into higher taxes. Three percent will receive a decrease in assessments. Notices are sent only in cases where

there is a change in the assessment, so if you don't get a notice, that means your assessment is the same and taxes will be the same under the present \$1.22 tax rate. The average assessment change for individual properties is approximately 2.73 percent, but some will be higher and some lower depending on the age, type, quality, classification and location of the property. Waterfront property tends to be assessed higher.

J.D. Banagan, real estate assessor, making his annual assessment report to City Council at a work session Tuesday, said that the projected fiscal year 1999 assessment of taxable property in the city is \$19,751,515,000, a four percent increase over the current assessment. At the present tax rate of \$1.22 per \$100 valuation, with each penny in tax equaling \$1,975,000 in revenue, the total taxes that will be collected are projected

at \$240,968,000. The average assessment change for residential property is 3.06 percent and for commercial/industrial property, 2.66 percent. During the past 12 months, new construction decreased 4.5 percent to \$285 million over the previous year with residential down by 1.2 percent and

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Beach, Chesapeake adopt uniform meal tax ordinances

By Lee Cahill City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach and Chesapeake became the second and third of six Hampton Roads cities to adopt a uniform meal tax ordinance. City councils in both cities Tuesday night approved an ordinance designed to make it easier for businesses in Hampton Roads cities to do business. Hampton adopted the ordinance on Feb. 11 and Newport News, Portsmouth and Norfolk are scheduled to consider the ordinance within weeks. Commissioners of revenue in the cities, who believe that the amendments, which promote regional uniformity in

the administration of meal taxes, will make it easier to collect taxes. Philip Kellam, commissioner of revenue in Virginia Beach at a City Council work session prior to approval of the ordinance, said the ordinance is a great step forward and a great convenience. Businesses with establishments in more than one Hampton Roads city will not have to deal with different provisional regulations, he said. The meal and beverage taxes, which range from 4 1/2 to 5 cents in the cities, will remain the same and the ordinance will have no financial impact. Kellam said that the cities actually are doing administratively what is being

codified in the ordinance. The changes include new definitions, a comprehensive list of exemptions, and reworded penalty sections. Ray Conner, Chesapeake commissioner of revenue, said that the ordinance is another step in creating in regional cooperation in promoting uniformity where it will help the cities and the taxpayers. Other examples are the uniform vehicle license payment deadline and the uniform color of vehicle tags among the cities. One section incorporates a comprehensive list of situations where the meal tax will not be applicable — pre-packaged items for off-premises consumption, bulk sales of food, sales

by restaurants to employees, sales by schools to students or employees or governmental sales. Also food and beverages provided to patients or residents of facilities such as hospitals or nursing homes will not be taxed as well as food and beverages provided by non-profit charities to elderly, injured, handicapped or needy persons, or occasional, sales that benefit non-profit charities or religious organizations. Also gratuities left to the purchaser discretion are not subject to the meal tax, but amounts added to the price of food and beverages that must be paid as part of the selling price will be subject to the tax.



## Commentary

### A reason to smile

Hampton Roads-based Operation Smile is renowned for its humanitarian mission — reconstructive surgery for children, worldwide, born with often debilitating facial deformities.

Yet even in the United States, with some of the world's most advanced medical treatments and facilities, one in 800 children is born with a facial deformity. Many cannot afford corrective surgery, even with private insurance and Medicaid. Many may not be aware that their deformity is treatable.

Operation Smile is bringing its help home.

On Saturday the organization kicks off its first Southeastern Virginia medical mission, Hometown Smiles. The not-for-profit medical services organization headquartered in Norfolk is targeting area children and young adults in need of facial surgery.

Through a partnership with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and Newport News Shipbuilding, free screenings will be offered to evaluate potential patients. They will then be given free reconstructive surgery or referrals to appropriate services.

Screenings will be offered at two sites:

■ **Newport News Shipbuilding, 4101 Washington Ave., 6th floor, Newport News from 8 a.m. to noon.**

■ **Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, fifth floor, suite 5C, Norfolk from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 625-0375 for more details.**

In efforts to prevent children from lifetimes of pain and isolation, Operate Smile will evaluate cleft lips and palates; facial port wine stains, moles, burns, scars, keloids and tumors; and congenital hand defects.

The organization, which this week is concluding a Philippines mission to treat 1,000 children, has helped 22,000 children in developing countries since its inception 15 years ago. This year it will travel to Panama, Romania, Russia, Kenya, Honduras, the Middle East, Brazil and a host of other countries.

It's good to know that that its hometown will have something to smile about, too.



## Fulfilling the people's mandate

By Mark Earley

State Attorney General

Few issues in recent decades have dominated Virginia's political landscape like Gov. Jim Gilmore's plan to cut the personal property tax on cars and trucks. That idea proved to be the defining theme of the last election, and it continues to resonate with citizens across the commonwealth.

The fate of the car tax plan now rests with the General Assembly. The Senate already has passed a version of the car tax cut, but after several efforts the House of Delegates remains locked in combat over an issue that has divided them into two camps: those who respect the will of the people, and those who continue to believe they know better than the voters.

The legislators who oppose cutting the car tax have resorted to smokescreens and diversions. First, they challenged the plan's constitutionality, an argument that was soundly and logically refuted in an opinion by former Attorney General Richard Cullen. Next, they challenged the cost of the plan, as if Virginians would change their mind upon discovering government is taking even more of their money than we had suspected. Finally, opponents challenged the manner in which the tax cut will be phased in, ignoring the basic, fundamental premise: the car tax will be cut as promised.

As a final act of desperation — and a transparent attempt to thwart

the will of the people — opponents of cutting the car tax now are offering an "alternative," cutting the sales tax on food. This plan, while it may have merit, is by no means a substitute for the mandate and responsibility given to Virginia's elected representatives.

The citizens of our Commonwealth spoke with a unified voice on election day, and their message was clear and resounding: cut the car tax. Not a single candidate ran on a platform of cutting the sales tax on food. In fact, only in recent weeks has there been any discussion or interest whatsoever in the "food tax," and that has been generated by opponents in the General Assembly. Those legislators should not deceive themselves as to what the people of our Commonwealth expect and demand, and they should not assume they can substitute their own wisdom for that of the voters.

It is encouraging that so many legislators have finally embraced tax relief, and there may be opportunities to pursue other tax cuts in time. However, our priorities for this session are well-defined. It is a matter of character and integrity that Virginia's elected representatives keep our word by cutting the car tax first. Our citizens have told their government what they want; we must act.

This debate is not about competing tax plans. It is about those opponents who will say and do anything to keep Gov. Gilmore

and those of us who support cutting the car tax from keeping our promise to Virginians. If Gov. Gilmore had made cutting the food tax the central theme of his campaign, the opposition would be calling for cutting the car tax instead.

The political chess match now occurring in the General Assembly does not truly represent the will of the people. Indeed, the attempts to pit region versus region in the car tax debate and paint horror stories about state services being slashed only serve to highlight the reluctance of some to trust the wisdom of Virginians in this matter. These diversions reveal only partisanship and obstructionism.

The truth is, Virginia's economy is thriving, and our citizens deserve a dividend. They know best how to spend their hard-earned money to provide for their families. When both parents have to work to pay for all of their taxes, it is time for Virginians to demand a change in priorities from their government. They did that with enthusiasm in November.

We will keep our promise to the voters. No matter what distractions or "alternatives" the opposition may summon, Virginians already have spoken the final word on this issue.

It is time for the General Assembly to heed the will of the people. It is time to cut the car tax.

## Prostate screening: a man's lifeline to lasting health

Today I finished my 20th radiation treatment for prostate cancer and the prognosis is good.

First let me again plead with all

men age 50 and over to have an annual digital rectal exam and PSA blood test. Men with a family history of prostate cancer should get an annual PSA test and digital rectal exam starting at age 40. African-Americans should also have an annual digital rectal exam and PSA test starting at age 40.

I was fortunate indeed to have a highly experienced urologist in Dr. David Gallo, a member of Urology Associates of Tidewater, which consists of a group of urologists second to none. I had been having some problems over the years and Dr. Gallo had been keeping a close watch which is an option once cancer cells are discovered. Once changes start to become noticeable — and this is done through PSA blood testing, ultrasound biopsies and other means — a decision has to be made as to what treatment is best for that particular patient.

Prostate cancer can be treated by one or more of the methods: surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy and chemotherapy.

The method selected to treat prostate cancer depends on its stage, its speed of growth and the age and general health of the patient.

In my case I was not a good candidate for surgery because of my age and an existing pulmonary condition, so the decision was made by my doctors, myself and my family to go with the radiation and hormone therapy. In addition to having a group of fine doctors, the Sidney M. Oman Cancer Treatment Center at Chesapeake General Hospital is available to me, and I only have to drive a short distance to get there. Again, I was fortunate.

The center is first-class and is under the direction of Dr. Mathew P. Sinesi, a radiation oncologist who has made quite a good name for himself in that field. Sinesi and his staff are well trained in how to make the patient comfortable and trusting in them. Each trip is kind of like old home week.

I'm sure I will miss seeing them each day when I have finished my treatments. I have 16 more to go. For those who have never had radiation you don't feel anything.

In addition to the radiation, you may take the luteinizing hormone — releasing hormone LHRH therapy. This therapy is simple: it involves an injection every 28 days or every 12 weeks.

I beg all men to have a prostate exam as soon as possible. It could save a lot of problems later on or perhaps your life.

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## Fifty ain't all that old — or is it?

Don't get me wrong! I'm not exactly saying that I was looking forward to my 50th birthday, but I wasn't really dreading it either.

As a matter of fact, it might even have passed by unnoticed — at least by me — if my wife hadn't been kind enough to remind me early one morning that it was my birthday.

### Out In Left Field

By Bob Ruessinger, columnist

her a kiss and sent her to work.

She hadn't been gone 10 minutes when the telephone rang. Usually, I avoid answering the phone, but against my better judgment I picked it up anyway. It was my "youngest" brother. I instantly recognized his voice and his intent.

His first comment was, "Fifty ain't old if you're a tree."

He laughed uproariously, and I had to laugh, too! That was a good one!

He even offered to drive me to work if I could remember the location. His good-natured kidding set the tone for my entire day.

Everything went well. My car started. I remembered where work was, and I even arrived a bit early. So far, so good!

Upon arriving, I checked my mail box. It was packed with papers, letters and a few cards — and a special gift.

I opened the first card. It was from my friend, Carolyn, who celebrates her birthday the day after mine. She's nowhere near 50. Nevertheless, she was not totally insensitive. Her card explained that she would not insult my intelligence with a card that used a "typical age gag." She acknowledged that I was "too smart for that."

"After all, you weren't born yesterday," the card read. Inside it simply read "Obviously" with a signature below. That was a good one, too!

The other card in my mailbox was from my friend, Marge, Carolyn's mother, who celebrated her birthday the day before. Marge would love to see 50 again. I expected a little more

## And it's not so bad. It most certainly beats the alternative.

sensitivity from her, but I didn't get it.

She hoped that my birthday would be an "exciting time filled with wild celebrating and laughter." On the inside it read, "You know... sort of like Friday at quitting time!" That was excellent!

But Marge couldn't let it go at that. She had to add a "cute" personal touch by writing "I'm this number 50!" That should've been enough, but anyone who knows Marge would've realized that the final devastating blow was yet to come.

In a "zip-lock" freezer bag was a rock with a note of explanation.

The note read:

"Bob, Now that you have joined my rank (fossil), I thought you'd like a fossil from Joggins, Nova Scotia. I picked this up near fossil cliffs. Happy Birthday! Marge."

I swear, I never saw it coming, but I should have. Some years ago, I presented Marge with a Chesapeake madonius (fossilized prehistoric scallop) shell for her birthday. I explained that compared to the fossilized scallop which was somewhere between 3 and 4 million years old that was actually quite young.

My intent, of course, was to help put age into perspective for her. Apparently, Marge has never forgotten my kindness. Aren't friends wonderful?

I'll never forget my 50th birthday, I hope. Sometimes things do slip my mind, and — if I could recall what they were — I'd offer a few examples. However, I'm going to make a very special effort to remember the 50th birthdays of all my family members and friends. One good turn deserves another, doesn't it? Of course, it does.

Over the last few days, I've adjusted to being 50. With the help of well-meaning friends, it was an easy adjustment to make. And it's not so bad. It most certainly beats the alternative. Now, maybe my wife will quit telling me to "grow up."

Now that I'm 50, maybe my wife will quit telling me to "grow up."

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! "The Wizard of Oz" isn't coming to town, but something far better is here — the circus.

Ringling Brothers has rolled into town, bringing with it enough excitement to fire up the spirit of even the biggest cynic.

The circus brings crazy clown sassy showgirls in high-high costumes, unparalleled feats of bravery, animals galore and enough fun to give

kids some fierce stomach aches.

I love all of it! I can't remember the first year that I attended the circus, but it's safe to say it was an annual tradition in the Edwards household. Bright billboards went up all over town a month ahead of time to herald the great event, making for an agonizing four weeks of anticipation.

First we'd watch the grand parade when Ringling Brothers unloaded all their gear, animals and acts off the train at Lambert's Point. Then they'd march slowly down Redgate and Brambleton, ending at Scope.

We'd bundle in our warm winter togas, because the circus has always visited in February, and arrive early to find a comfortable spot on the curb to watch the procession. I remember being really jealous one year after spying my friend Angie, a dance student, riding astride an elephant.

"Unfair," I thought, knowing she'd won some contest for that great privilege. I vowed that one day I'd have my turn.

Parking for the circus was always a nightmare, and it remains so today. To my little girl legs it seemed that we walked miles to Scope in the biting cold, but entering the arena

made it all worth it.

As soon as you walked in there were vendors hawking everything from elaborate programs to those flashing red lamps that resembled flashlight beams. There were glow-in-the-dark necklaces and big balloons shaped like elephants and clowns.

"Gimme, gimme" and "Mama, can I have one?" resounded through Scope once children caught sight of the geegaws.

The smell of the circus was heavenly. To a parent it might be a gastronomic nightmare, but to kids it was the food of the gods — popcorn, cotton candy, peanuts, hot dogs, snowballs, soda pop. Filling up a child must have cost a small fortune.

Once we found our seats the arena grew dark, then the spotlights started dancing crazily on the wall. Finally, from center ring came the announcer in his top hat, voice booming over the speakers "Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages, welcome to The Greatest Show on Earth."

And then the grand procession exploded on the outside ring. Every animal from dancing dog to prancing horse, every act from lion tamer to tightrope artists would make their way around the ring. Then it was time for two hours of three-ring action.

By evening's end, I'd go home with a huge smile on my face and full belly. Ah, the circus!

My fascination with the circus didn't end in childhood. In fact, it hasn't ended at all. So many memories are entwined with Ringling Brothers.

### Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor from readers who wish to reflect upon or take issue with other views. That's what this page is for, the sharing of opinions: yours, ours and those of our columnists and cartoonists.

Please share your thoughts with fellow readers by faxing to 548-0390.

The writer's name, address and telephone number must be included. We do not print unsigned letters. We reserve the right to edit. Thank you.

## Community Quality Day makes for better Beach

On March 5, the Virginia Beach Quality Alliance (VBQA) consisting of the city government, schools, military and the business community will be holding its fifth Community Quality Day at the Pavilion Conference Room. The seminars presented will benefit the entire workforce will cost \$89.

The session will start at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast. At 9 a.m. concurrent sessions will start featuring Xerox Corporation, TCC ISO 9000 Training Local Industry and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

■ **Xerox Corporation** - Learn how to Xerox focused on the hows and tools versus the theory of implementing quality in an organization. Xerox will share their success with Malcolm Baldrige and sustaining quality in their organization.

■ **Georgia-Pacific Corporation** - Discover how Georgia-Pacific Corporation has sustained quality and remained focused on the direction of continuous improvement in their organization. The Skippers (SB Plant) has been very successful at sustaining its position as a world class leader in the OSB industry, ranking second-to-none by any measure of performance.

■ **ISO 9000** - Tidewater Community College will host a panel of local ISO 9000 companies — Sühl, Inc., Southland Technologies and Bush, Inc., addressing an overview of ISO 9000, obstacles to implementation and benefits or registration.

■ **Norfolk Naval Shipyard** - Norfolk Naval Shipyard will share how they used Malcolm Baldrige to implement innovation and improve the mission of the shipyard.

At 9:30 a.m. concurrent sessions will again start featuring Xerox Corporation, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Hanover Public Schools and Embedding TQ into Training Using Group Tools.

■ **Hanover Public Schools** - Hanover Public Schools will share their commitment to providing education in an atmosphere which supports individuals and promotes their need for a solid foundation of skills.

■ **Embedding Total Quality Into Training Using Group Tools** - Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet will provide highlights

of their pilot initiatives to use quality principles to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the training and education process.

Keynote speaker, coach Don Shula will start the General Session at 11 a.m. Shula, who led the Miami Dolphins to five Super Bowls and the Baltimore Colts to one, more than any other head coach in the National Football League (NFL), will share his secret to winning.

He will also talk about his latest book, "Everyone's a Coach," written with Ken Blanchard, internationally-known management consultant and co-author of "The One Minute Manager."

This book outlines the application of their managerial philosophies for business and personal success. He will be discussing the qualities of an effective leader.

Luncheon will be from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. From 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be an Award for Continuing Excellence (ACE) Panel Discussion moderated by Barbara Clara and the day will conclude with a panel dialogue on the topic, "Sustaining Quality in an Organization."

A pre-conference training session will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at the Municipal Complex, Building 19 from 8-4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$50. The class is limited to the first 75 registrants and the cost will include training, continental breakfast and lunch.

Enable yourself to join others when talking about the use of quality principles in all sectors. At this Pre-Conference session, hear how a nationally recognized leader in the education sector has displayed the Malcolm Baldrige criteria to partnering, benchmarking, quality improvement and change management that affects all of us. The key benefits will be:

■ **Develop a quality culture** rather than a quality program.

■ **Solve problems using a systematic approach** emphasizing long-term benefits.

■ **Use a quality self-assessment tool** to manage the transformation.

Community Quality Day began in 1994 as an effort to involve every citizen, business, school, military and government individual in the quality movement for Virginia Beach. Creating a Customer Friendly City as a business climate and environment for all to enjoy is a goal of the Virginia Beach Quality Alliance sponsoring this most important day in 1998. The vision of VBQA is for Virginia Beach to become a national quality leader, focusing on customer service and continuous improvement in the community.

Come and attend a full day of pre-conference training on March 4, and a full Community Quality Day on March 5 offered by the Virginia Beach Quality Alliance. See you there.

## Race relations 2000: youths share vision

### Special to the Sun

What do Virginia Beach City Public Schools' middle and high school students think about the race, disability, ethnicity or other differences of their fellow classmates?

Probably plenty. Middle and high school students from the public school division will have a chance to express their opinions on these topics and other multi-cultural issues during "Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 19 at Salem Middle School, 2380 Lynnhaven Pkwy.

"Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" is designed to give students from the public schools' middle and high schools a forum where they can freely offer their comments and suggestions on ethnicity, teacher and student relationships, disabilities, language, culture, appearance, labeling/name calling and other topics related to and emanating from the multi-cultural society in which they live.

The School Board Diversity Awareness Committee and Task Force has planned "Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" as part of the school system's on-going development of goals and strategies for diversity as outlined in the Strategic Plan of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Student opinions and resolutions will help school administrators refine strategies for diversity-related issues by developing certain activities, such as multi-cultural sensitivity training for school employees.

A group of students representing

many of Virginia Beach high schools have been instrumental in planning this forum and in identifying key diversity-related topics that students might desire to discuss at "Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" will kick-off in the Salem Middle School auditorium with an opening address on diversity from Dr. Adolph Brown, III, a graduate of Beach schools and now a professor at Hampton University. Following his remarks, the forum will continue with a student panel, who will discuss how they live with their diversities. Afterwards, students will move the school's classrooms for "break-out" sessions where everyone can share their thoughts on diversity-related topics and offer resolutions to effect change.

After a brief wrap-up of the breakout sessions, it's celebration time.

"Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" will move to the Salem cafeteria for a social hour for students to celebrate diversity. The pizza celebration will be open only to students who attend both the opening and break-out sessions of the forum. Students must arrive by 4:30 p.m. to be eligible to attend the sessions and pizza celebration.

"Diversity 2000: A Celebration for Youth" will also offer middle and high school students an opportunity to continue their participation in diversity-based events and activities sponsored by the school system, such as a proposed youth diversity advisory council and diversity study teams.

To request a registration form or get additional information, contact the school system's Diversity Hotline, 427-8068.

## Up close and personal

### Judy Urwin: Birds of a feather

By Victoria Hecht

Editor Judy Urwin's work is literally "for the birds."

Entering the aviary at the Virginia Marine Science Museum, she's got a screech owl tethered to one arm and a roaming eye scanning the foliage for other feathered friends.

Quickly her sights settle on Caesar, a royal tern, his white feathers a stark contrast to the mucky ground. Perched on a log is Cleo, one of the museum's two resident turkey vultures. Lining the chain link fence for a better look at the surrounding tidal marsh are graceful egrets and blue herons. Tinier birds stir amid the foliage, with the slight rustle of reeds and grasses giving away their presence.

Most visitors don't realize how many species of birds make their home in the half-acre aviary because they are so difficult to see. But Urwin's trained eye finds them quickly.

As assistant curator/birds at the Virginia Beach museum, Urwin is fulfilling a longtime fascination.

"Not a whole lot of places have a native North American bird exhibit. It's been a new thing, probably in the past 10 years, for people to have wetlands exhibits. Everyone focused on the rain forest, not our own backyard. It's time people look at the wetlands and species we're wiping out with all our development."

Urwin's position calls for her to know not only how to care for the birds, but behavior, natural history, medical care, diet requirement and how to set up an exhibit to accommodate many species.

"This is a new thing to have these species in captivity, so we're a lot learning as we go along. I have to do a lot of research every time we're going to get a new species," Urwin said. "Determining their diet is half the challenge for many of these birds."

With a working marsh ecosystem and moving tide, it proves a challenge. The aviary houses more than two dozen species of shore and marsh birds found in Virginia. They include cattle egrets, brown pelicans, great blue herons and others. Creatures within the aviary are injured and non-releasable birds that otherwise couldn't live in the wild.

Because of the special needs of these birds, Urwin can't do it all alone. Volunteers are needed for a new Avian Team. Participants will be dedicated solely to bird identification and interpretation of behaviors, characteristics and calls at the Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. They may also assist full-time avian staff with general bird care.

No experience is necessary, Urwin said, just interest and enthusiasm. A series of training courses will familiarize volunteers with the birds.

"These are birds right in their own back yard. They just have no idea what's lurking in the grass. Because it's a natural exhibit it does create a problem. They can be standing in the grass and I can walk right to them, but others can't. With these volunteers we'll teach them not only the natural history of a particular species, but where to find them in the exhibit. When the public walks in, they could walk right by some birds."

Urwin says "bird people" are basically one of two types.

"It's the person who really likes birding, or the person who loves exotic birds and keeps them as pets."

Birds caught Urwin's fancy because she always likes the "underdog."

"They get looked over. Everyone likes the cute otters with the big, brown eyes, then they see birds and are like, 'Oh, it's just birds.' When you can have someone in the exhibit who can speak the people's interest, you can make them realize that these birds do have a personality."

Her favorite is perhaps the most "underdog bird" of all — the vulture.

"Yes, they're stinky, but they're so well designed for what they do," she smiled. "They've got that bald head so they can just stick their head in the carcass and not have to worry about getting muck on their feathers! They're just neat."

Urwin, a member of the Audubon Society and Nature Conservancy, predicts the Avian Team will probably draw a lot of bird



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Judy Urwin, assistant curator/birds

enthusiasts, but she'd like to see folks curious about birds as well. Once someone gets involved with the program, she knows they'll develop real feelings of ownership toward them.

"Just watching how they (birds) all interact together is fascinating," Urwin said. "I could for hours."

Interested applicants should call for a volunteer application or stop by the museum. For more information, call volunteer coordinator Kathleen Reed, 437-0020.

Name: Judy Urwin.

What brought you to this area: The Virginia Marine Science Museum.

Hometown: Suburbs of Chicago, Ill.

Age: 32.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Assistant curator/birds.

Marital Status: Married to Bill for five years.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Bladerunner" and "Against All Odds."

Magazines I read regularly: "Birders World," "Audubon," "Outside and Shape."

Favorite author: Ray Bradbury.

Favorite night on the town: Going to a nice restaurant and seeing some type of live performance.

Favorite restaurants: The Bistro, Hot Tuna and Nawab.

What most people don't know about myself: My age! When I talk to museum visitors, they usually ask, "Are you going to school for this?"

Best thing about myself: I practice what I preach.

Pets: Two dogs that were adopted from Animal Control, two parrots, a one-legged cockatoo, a cockatiel and a parakeet.

Hobbies: Running, weight lifting, birding and camping.

Ideal vacation: Hiking in the rain forest of some exotic place like Borneo and observing birds and mammals that I have seen only in photos.

Pet peeves: Individuals and organizations that do not recycle.

First job: Cleaning house for a wealthy couple. Before that I thought a bidet was some kind of whirlpool.

Worst job: A nurse's aide at a nursing home. I have the utmost respect for people who can work in that type of environment.

Favorite sports teams: Chicago Blackhawks and Hampton Roads Admirals.

Favorite musicians: Paul Simon and Elvis Costello.

Most embarrassing moment: Getting sick while deep sea fishing on my honeymoon.

How I would like to be remembered: That I always stood up for what I believed in.

If I received \$1 million: I would invest the money, then use the profits to purchase land that needs to be protected.



## Inspiring talk didn't fall on deaf ears

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

Stephen Hopson is 37, but he has the soul of a child. He is short, sweet, quick and articulate, and he sees the possibilities in life as deafening. He takes risks, and the combination of his words and actions produces a dynamic package that's a feat for any man, much less who's been deaf since birth.

But Hopson has not let that handicap stand in the way of anything he wanted to do, including shattering the glass ceiling of Wall Street and becoming a humorous motivational speaker.

"I love that sound (of applause)," Hopson said after a presentation Wednesday at Ocean Lakes High School. "I realize my mission is to make a difference."

Hopson was just one of the speakers brought in for a week-long youth seminar held in honor of the Horatio Alger Scholarship program. Ocean Lakes was selected as one in 104 schools in the nation to participate in the program. The Horatio Alger Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that hard work, honesty and determination can conquer all obstacles.

Senior Justine Hernandez has also been selected as a recipient of a \$5,000 college scholarship granted by the foundation. During the week-long celebration, Hernandez and the entire student body was treated to a seminar with the theme "Show Me a Hero, Show Me the Way."

For the students, Hopson lived up to that theme.

"You have a choice," he told them. "You can stay home and watch television and become a couch potato or you can stick your neck out and take chances."

Hopson told stories of his youth and how he failed at every sport he tried. Finally in his senior year, his greatest desire was to be on the swim team, so he shaved almost every inch of his body including his head.

"I felt like a new person," he said.

When the competition began, Hopson was so excited he swam the backstroke with all his might and hit the wall. He didn't make the swim team and he was the only bald student in school. Hopson leaned over and showed the students a bald spot on the back of his head.

"It still hasn't grown back," he said.

Hopson went on to tell other humorous stories of his determination, and how he became the first deaf management trainee at the Bank of New York.

"Hundreds of other financial institutions rejected me," he said.

For five years Hopson worked as a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch. While there, he increased sales 1,700 percent in less than four years. In that position, he built and managed multi-million-

dollar investment portfolios for U.S. clients. His salary averaged \$300,000 per year.

Hopson's status and money didn't make life totally fulfilling and he was still changing.

"I used to hate myself," he said. "I didn't want to be deaf. I didn't want to be different and I was in a life-long internal struggle." In December 1996, Hopson was sitting on the beach in Miami.

"I was reading a book with the sun's rays beating on my back," he said, "and it hit me. I knew I was to be a motivational speaker."

"God had given me the gift of speech," he said. "I had to tell the whole world. It was like I won the lottery."

Hopson admitted he was scared, and his mother thought he was crazy. But he remembered how he had spent eight years in his bedroom when he was young pretending to be teaching. He purchased a video camera to record himself and joined Toastmasters. He became the first deaf person to win a humorous division speech contest.

Today, he is a member of the National Speakers Association and a contributing author and associate editor of *The New York Times* best-selling "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series about people with disabilities used out later this year.

He has also been featured in a cover story for "Careers and the disabled" magazine and has received worldwide press coverage on CNN and numerous newspapers including *The New York Times*.

Perhaps one of Hopson's greatest accomplishments is what he gives to others. Following the presentation at Ocean Lakes High School, Hopson met with the deaf students for a time of fellowship. "The students loved him," said Sharon Carvalho, teacher and media liaison. "they could all relate to his stories."

Senior Travis Carr was also moved by Hopson's message on taking risks. Carr is also deaf.

"It was really good," Carr said. "I'm willing to take a risk in getting a job. I want to try carpentry or masonry."

The same was true for the rest of the student population.

"I think he's brave to come out and speak like that," said freshman James Barrington. "The audience really respected him."

Scholarship winner Hernandez also received inspiration from Hopson.

"He was wonderful," she said. "I have never met anybody so talented."

Hernandez said Hopson urged her to take a risk in following her dream to go to Christopher Newport for college.

For Hernandez, that will be a big step, as her family will be moving back to California, while she stays here to go to school.

"We were all meant to help each other," Hopson maintained. "I know I've made the right choice to be a speaker."

# HONORS AND AWARDS

## Magnet teacher wins presidential honor

The White House and National Science Foundation has named recipients for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Sharon Bowers, a science teacher at Kemps Landing Magnet School in Virginia Beach, was singled out as a national winner and honored for her exemplary skill, performance and leadership in her school. She has been recognized as one of the most talented math/science teachers in the nation.

According to Hazel Jesse, principal of Kemps Landing Magnet School, "Ms. Bowers is an outstanding science teacher who challenges and cajoles her students to learn with a creative flair that also stimulates and entertains. She is a consummate teacher and, certainly, a credit to the Virginia Beach school system."

Administered by the National Science Foundation, the Presidential Award is the nation's highest honor for K-12 mathematics and science teachers and recognizes a combination of exemplary work, both inside and outside the classroom.

Included with each award is a grant for \$7,500 from the National



Sharon Bowers

Science foundation, which may be spent at the teacher's discretion to advance mathematics and science education within their school and district.

Teachers also win an expense-

paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national awards ceremony. They will participate in professional development activities providing opportunities to further sharpen their skills while they share and learn from the experiences of their colleagues from around the country.

During the awards week, the distinguished teachers will also engage in discussions with the nation's top education policy makers and congressional legislators engaged in efforts to improve teaching and learning.

To become eligible for the Presidential Award, teachers must document their educational background, unique qualifications and accomplishments and present evidence of professional success to a state selection committee.

Applicants are asked to demonstrate how their teaching helps students to learn important mathematics and science processes and concepts. Teachers must also provide letters of support for their application from colleagues, current and former students, parents of current or former students, and/or supervisors.

The state committee chooses six

mathematics teachers (three elementary, three secondary) and six science teachers (three elementary, three secondary) as semi-finalists. These 12 state-level semi-finalists are recognized by the National Science Foundation and become candidates for the Presidential Award.

Then, one science teacher and one mathematics teacher at each level is recommended by a national selection committee of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators. The final Presidential Awardees are chosen by the White House, which also makes the official announcement of the winners.

The Presidential Award program was established in 1983 by former President Ronald Reagan. The law was amended in 1988 to include elementary teachers. The National Science Foundation's Division of Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education is charged with administering the program for the White House. Elementary and secondary teachers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. territories and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools are eligible to receive the awards.

## Health Partners chairman leads Project Immunize

Dr. David C. Gundlach, medical director of Health and Preventive Services for Sentara Health Systems, has been elected to a one-year term as chairman of Project Immunize Virginia (PIV).

As chairman, Gundlach will lead Project Immunize Virginia's efforts to improve the immunization rate for all Virginians, adults and children, by the year 2000. The rate of completed immunizations for

children two years of age in Virginia was 74 percent in 1995. PIV's goal is to attain 90 percent compliance over the next two years through education directed toward physicians, health care providers and citizens. PIV is a coalition of more than 100 organizations that includes hospitals, physicians, managed care groups, public health, the military and other health care interests.

Gundlach is board-certified in internal medicine and practiced in the Midwest before joining Sentara in 1992 as medical director for Sentara Health Plan. During his tenure at Sentara, Gundlach has directed resources toward preventive medicine, such as screenings and education to improve the health of the community. He also serves as committee chairman for the immunization service providers workshop and on the steering committee for CINCH, the local Consortium for Infant and Children's Health.

He also is chairman of the provider education workshop for Virginia Beach Health Partners, a similar community-based coalition in Virginia Beach.



Dr. David C. Gundlach

## Students take home Rising Star advertising accolade

Two students from Old Dominion University, Jeff Rose and Chris Curl, were awarded the Advertising Federation of Hampton Roads' Rising Star Scholarship recently at the Hampton Roads 1998 American Advertising Awards Banquet, held at the Chesapeake Convention Center. This is the second year in a row that ODU students have won the award.

The Rising Star Scholarship is an annual competition that challenges Hampton Roads area high school and college students in

the area of advertising design. Students are given a "client" and asked to develop a creative brief, a logo and other supporting marketing vehicles such as posters and ads. This year's "client" was Hampton Roads.

Rose and Curl were each awarded \$1,500. They are students of ODU professor Robert McCullough. Students attending Norfolk State University and the Advertising Design class at the Virginia Beach Tech Center also participated in the competition.

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## Gordon named to Atlantic Shores Retirement post

Joan Gordon has been named sales counselor for Atlantic Shores Retirement Community in Virginia Beach. She brings more than 12 years of real estate sales and management experience combined with a health care background in nursing.

Gordon was previously marketing director for University Village Retirement Community in Charlottesville, where she received the Rookie of the Year Award for sales in 1996. From 1985 to 1995 she was employed with Carol Paris Brown Inc. Realtors, receiving the company's Top Producer and Rookie of the Year Awards as well as entrance to the Million Dollar Club. A registered nurse, she previously worked in such specialties as gerontology at Georgetown University and neurology at the National Institutes of Health.

She attended Smith College, majoring in political science. She is a graduate of the National Institutes of Real Estate (NIRE) and received her nursing training at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

Located on 200 acres,



Joan Gordon

Atlantic Shores Retirement Community provides a continuum of care for its residents which includes independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and a professionally staffed and licensed on-site health center.

Residents own their homes and receive such services as maintenance, housekeeping and groundskeeping. Features include a dining room, swimming pool, exercise room and creative arts studio.

## Beach woman picked for role

Erica Parrish of Virginia Beach has been cast as Slumtrimpet for Lee University's spring production of the devilishly comic and humorously tragic "Screwape."

Based on "The Screwape Letters" by world-renowned 20th-century Christian author C.S. Lewis, this stage rendition presents the horrific and comic

realities of the spirit realm from a unique perspective—hell.

Written by James Forsyth, "Screwape" depicts the coming-of-age of a junior devil, Wormwood, apprenticed to his Uncle Screwape, an important minion in the Satanic hierarchy. Wormwood's job is to send Michael Green, in danger of becoming a Christian, to hell.

Despite the dark nature of the play, "Screwape" is humorous, revealing the human frustrations of Wormwood, Slumtrimpet and Screwape as they try to coerce their subject into their devilish plans.



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# BUSINESS REVIEW

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## Sal's Pizza & Italian Restaurant **Richie Khould, Owner**

It seems as though there are the Italian restaurants of every size, price range and specialty in each community. To be exceptional and to stand out from all the rest it must have something really special going for it. Sal's Pizza & Italian Restaurant may be the most fancy restaurant in the area, but it has simply the best food and service which is served in a relaxed and warm family atmosphere.

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Sal's Pizza & Italian Restaurant is located in Virginia Beach at 1940 Laskin Road, phone 491-0810. Treat yourself and your family and stop by today.

## Kempsville Chiropractic

### "Are You Continually Suffering With Pain That Won't Go Away?"

In a recent study issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, it was concluded that spinal manipulation is an effective treatment for lower back pain. It was recommended that conservative treatment such as manipulation should be pursued in most cases before surgery is considered. Today, more than 94% of spinal manipulation is performed by doctors of chiropractic.

Dr. Frank Lombardozzi of Kempsville Chiropractic, located in Virginia Beach at 904 Kempsville Road, phone 467-5258, is extensively trained to understand the biomechanics of the human body. As a primary health professional, he is concerned with dealing with the cause of the pain rather than just treating the symptoms. Injury, stress or repetitive movement can cause structural abnormalities in the spine which block neural transmission. Nerve interference can create areas of the body causing numbness or pain in the extremities, headaches, muscular and joint discomfort, and even TMJ dysfunction in addition to back pain.

Dr. Frank Lombardozzi of Kempsville Chiropractic locates spinal misalignments through orthopedic, neurological, physical and spinal examinations. By proper adjustment, your spine may be restored to its correct position without surgery or drugs. Chiropractic manipulation is also of value as a preventative health measure. Take the natural road to better health and contact Dr. Frank Lombardozzi for more information.

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Don't take chances with your life and property. Compare the prices and the services. Then let the professionals at Bowman Hallmark Guardian Tree Service take care of your trees. Their reputation is your guarantee of an excellent job, and their name speaks for itself.

## Terraclean Technologies Corp. **Sarah & Keith Miller, Owners**

Most people are now aware that exposure to asbestos and lead in our living or work environment has been linked to serious health problems and that these materials were extensively used in residential, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings just two decades ago. A great number of these buildings are still in use today. Asbestos was used in floor and ceiling tile, roof shingles, insulation, and as many as 3,000 other components. Lead based paint coated walls and window casings and lead piping carried drinking water. Asbestos can cause respiratory problems up to and including lung cancer, offers cancerous exposure service and they are fully licensed, bonded and insured. The techniques used by this firm are in compliance with all EPA and OSHA regulations.

Terraclean Technologies, located in Virginia Beach at 5101 Cleveland Street, Suite 302, phone 497-5721 or 499-0140, is a lead and asbestos abatement specialist. They are available to inspect and remove these dangerous substances from single and multi-family dwellings, commercial buildings, schools, hospitals and industrial complexes and properly dispose of them. Using state-of-the-art equipment and technology, Terraclean Technologies trained team of professionals offers complete exposure service and they are fully licensed, bonded and insured. The techniques used by this firm are in compliance with all EPA and OSHA regulations.

If you are concerned about a hazard in your home or facility, contact Terraclean Technologies at 497-5721 or 499-0140 for a consultation and cost estimate.

## Pedro's Soul Food Takeout

### Curtis E. Simmons, Owner

When you're in the mood for soul food, first your mouth starts watering and then you think of Pedro's Soul Food Takeout, famous for their homestyle cooking. They offer a delicious menu featuring some old favorites like fresh fried chicken, black-eyed peas and collard greens that are sure to please even picky eaters.

Pedro's Soul Food Takeout, located in Virginia Beach at 1385 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Suite 101-B, phone 422-5806, knows the secret of preparing great soul food. If you would rather enjoy good barbecue ribs, they offer tangy, smoked ribs layered with a generous helping of sauce. When you visit Pedro's Soul Food Takeout, you will enjoy authentic home cooking in the tradition of freshly prepared soul food. They cook sweet potato pies and breaded in their own ovens just like Mom.

Whether it's for lunch or dinner, Pedro's Soul Food Takeout is just plain good eating. They have become one of the area's favorite spots because they have what it takes to bring you back again and again—good food, reasonable prices and convenient take-out service. Visit them today for the best soul food you've ever tasted!

## Beach Radiator Repair & Air Conditioning

### Glen Davis, Owner • Family Owned & Operated

Beach Radiator Repair & Air Conditioning, at their new location in Virginia Beach at 1776 Virginia Beach Boulevard, phone 437-7800, can be depended on to give you first-class radiator work. They are conveniently located between Oceana, Hilltop and the Lynnhaven area. They are specialists in this area, and have the necessary experience to handle all your cooling system problems.

The cooling system of an automobile plays an important part in its proper operation. You shouldn't trust your car or truck to just anyone when you experience no-heat or overheating. Before you replace your old radiator with a brand new one, get a second opinion from the radiator specialists at Beach Radiator Repair & Air Conditioning. If your car is not performing the way it should, let them repair, clean or flush it properly. They are experts at repairing and recoring radiators of any make or size.

For professional, prompt radiator service at sensible prices, you can count on the folks at Beach Radiator Repair & Air Conditioning. Leaky radiators demand their service. See that yours gets it. Call Glen Davis today at 437-7800.

## Anna's Full Service House Cleaning

### Max & Anna, Owners

If you need help with a one-time cleaning job or with routine home maintenance, contacting a maid service may be the solution. You want a maid service that is dependable and thorough, provides references and offers competitive prices. In this area, the cleaning service that fits this description best is Anna's Full Service House Cleaning, located in Virginia Beach, phone 427-2085, they are here to serve your residential cleaning needs.

Anna's Full Service House Cleaning can help you in a variety of ways, by tackling those big clean-up jobs that come with moving into or out of a home, by providing one-time or occasional home cleaning, or by providing weekly, bi-weekly or monthly cleaning services. Light to heavy duty cleaning jobs are accepted. The personnel at Anna's Full Service House Cleaning are home cleaning specialists. They perform a variety of jobs from dusting and vacuuming to cleaning kitchens and bathrooms to carpet cleaning. They are insured and bonded for your protection and will treat your home as if it were their own.

House cleaning is a necessity we can't escape, but with the busy lives most of us lead, it is a job we have little time to complete. Whatever your reason for needing them, Anna's Full Service House Cleaning will provide you with the finest cleaning services available. Employment opportunities are also available. so call 427-2085.

## Sampson Paint Company **Quality Paints Since 1899**

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For quality finishes for every interior or exterior surface, stop by at Sampson Paint Company. You'll be glad you did.

## Atlantic Roofing Systems **Pete Owen, Owner**

Your roof represents only about 3% of your building investment, yet its value is of all proportion to its cost. Roofs are very important in the preservation, beauty and durability of your home or business. A name people in this area have come to know and trust is Atlantic Roofing Systems, located in Virginia Beach at 3056 Holland Road, phone 468-5440.

Many people do not know just what type of roof they should have on their home to add to its beauty and durability. These professionals will gladly explain the various roofing materials and their advantages to you. They feature a varied selection of materials and colors from which you may choose. Call today and let the experts at Atlantic Roofing Systems come out and examine your roof. They may find that it is in good condition, ready for many years of service or they may find defects that can easily be remedied. Their crews have the necessary experience to spot minor problems and correct them inexpensively before they develop into a major re-roofing expense.

Good roofs aren't luck. They are the result of durable materials, accurate bids, and most importantly, years of experienced professionalism. So, when you have roofing worries, call the specialists at Atlantic Roofing Systems.

## Plaza Bakery Shop **Serving The Tidewater Area Since 1956**

When the people of the Tidewater area stop and think about who bakes and decorates the finest custom cakes around, they're thinking of Plaza Bakery Shop, located in Virginia Beach in the Regency Shopping Center at 1940 Laskin Road, next to Captain George's, phone 340-3931. They feature a full line of delicious decorated cakes for all occasions which are baked fresh from scratch and guaranteed to satisfy you and your guests.

Plaza Bakery Shop specializes in gourmet-flavored decorated cakes for any occasion. Whether it be for a wedding, birthday or anniversary, let their experienced bakers and designers custom create a beautiful cake for your next event. Stop soon for a free consultation and advice on any cake you may desire. They will custom create a cake to your exact specifications and requirements. Brides-to-be are encouraged to look through their extensive displays and catalogs of cakes that can be custom decorated in their choice of colors. Character cakes for children's parties are also a specialty.

The exceptional flavor and beauty of their cakes are sure to please even the most discriminating tastes, and have earned them a reputation for perfection throughout the area. When you order a creation by Plaza Bakery Shop, you'll see that you have ordered the very best!

## Landscape for Living Landscaping **David Lundquist, Owner**

Not many people think of landscape needs while the ground is frozen and the winter winds are blowing, but now is the time to start planning a landscape that will personalize your home all year. As one of the area's leading landscape contractors, Landscapes for Living Landscaping, located in Virginia Beach at 406 53rd Street, phone 425-7058, encourages you to plan now so that when the weather breaks, you will be that much closer to a beautiful exterior.

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When you contract with Landscapes for Living Landscaping, you get more than just a job. You get traditional landscape services with personalized color designs in planting as well as year-round maintenance. Remember, for a landscape reflecting your personality and personal tastes that will mature as your home matures, contact Landscapes for Living Landscaping today. The compliments of your friends and neighbors will make you glad you did!

## Virginia Steak House

## Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak House

### George Christodoulous, Owner

When the people of this area sit back and relax in comfortable, friendly surroundings to enjoy a mouthwatering, taste-tempting steak dinner, they are most probably sitting in the pleasant surroundings of Virginia Steak House or Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak House. The Virginia Steak House is located in Virginia Beach at 620 First Colonial Road, phone 428-6511, and Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak House is located in Virginia Beach at 4312 Virginia Beach Boulevard, phone 340-6584.

These restaurants afford one of the most pleasant retreats from a hectic day's schedule. Their uncompromising standards and traditional methods of preparing everything from scratch have earned them a fine, long-standing reputation for excellence. Their kitchen uses only the finest and freshest ingredients available to serve consistently excellent food day after day. Thick, juicy steaks are the house specialty, and each delicious steak is cut and cooked to your order and becomes a truly enjoyable experience. Their complete menu offers something for every palate with beef, poultry, seafood and vegetarian dishes.

These restaurants serving very special people—people who enjoy a friendly atmosphere, superior service and delectable food. Come in soon and discover for yourself the delights Virginia Steak House and Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak House have to offer. If you want good food, good drink and a good time, this is the place to be.

## Roadside Repair

### Brandon Skahill, Owner

Truck fleet owners in this area know that well maintained trucks are essential so that delays due to repair stops are not a problem. The people at Roadside Repair, located in Virginia Beach at 5732 Northampton Boulevard, phone 460-8678, and in Chesapeake at 1128 South Military Highway, phone 420-8404, realize that your truck is one of the most important and expensive tools you own. Modern trucks are built to last, but that doesn't mean that periodic servicing should be forgotten or ignored.

Roadside Repair specializes in preventive maintenance and all types of roadside repairs and service for truck fleet owners. They keep a large inventory of parts and name brand tires in stock in order to serve you quickly and economically. Their experienced mechanics can keep your investment in top running condition and can advise you on important maintenance procedures that will help prevent costly breakdowns. They believe in personal service and they are fully insured for your protection.

For expert preventive maintenance, tire repairs and roadside service, truck fleet owners can confidently depend on Roadside Repair. Their prompt, reliable work is your assurance of satisfaction enabling you to "keep on trucking."

## BNB Home Improvements & Repair

If you recently refinanced your home to take advantage of lower interest rates, you can reinvest the money you are saving every month by increasing the value of your home by remodeling and making improvements to your property. The craftsmen at BNB Home Improvements & Repair, located in Virginia Beach at 3232 Arctic Avenue, phone 491-9184, are remodeling specialists well recognized throughout the area for top-quality workmanship at reasonable rates.

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If quality, price and supervision on every job is important to you, contract with BNB Home Improvements & Repair when you need any home improvement work done. Their years of experience and impeccable reputation are your guarantees of a job well done.

## Health Food Centers

### Tidewater's First Health Food Store

Your local headquarters for a complete line of natural products are the Health Food Centers in Hampton Roads. If you are among the millions of smart Americans who in recent years have become increasingly more health conscious, then you owe yourself a visit to these leading shops. They feature six locations—in Glen, phone 625-8686, at Village Center, phone 489-4242, at Pembroke Mall, phone 499-0002, at Lynnhaven North Mall Shops, phone 431-1677, at North Military Highway Shops, phone 461-2883, and at Kemps River Shops, phone 523-8961.

You will find everything in the health and natural foods line here as well as a complete supply of top quality vitamins, supplements, beauty aids and foods for special diets. The personnel at these shops can answer any questions you may have concerning the many vitamins and supplements available, and their particular advantages for your individual lifestyle. They also have a fine selection of books and literature concerning vitamins and health foods in general.

Be sure to stop by and see the large selection at Health Food Centers. As the saying goes, "you are what you eat," and it's a plain fact that most of us in today's fast food society are simply not getting the vitamins and minerals we need. For information on how you can start living a more healthful and vigorous life, call Health Food Centers today. Bring in this reader ad and receive a free sample of a new nutritional item with your purchase.

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If you or someone you know is convalescing from an illness or accident or no longer able to live unassisted, call Maxim Healthcare Services today. Their fine reputation in this area for caring, professional services is your guarantee of satisfaction.

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Whether you're a business needing personalized stationery, company forms or business cards—or a club or individual needing an announcement or wedding invitations printed, they can do the job from start to finish. Remember, when service, accuracy and price are important, call Pack Printing.

## Virginia Performing Arts Academy

### Norma & Becky Brinn, Owners

If you are serious about developing your dancing talents, enroll at Virginia Performing Arts Academy, located in Virginia Beach at Timberlake Shopping Center, Suite 804, phone 467-2552. When choosing a dance school, look for professionalism, quality and above all, experience. Virginia Performing Arts Academy satisfies these three standards of excellence. Their qualified instructors have been trained at the finest studios, and they always give personalized attention to each and every student. Virginia Performing Arts Academy features classes in classical ballet, toe, modern jazz and tap.

You will meet many fine people who are serious students enjoying this challenging art form. You'll find that their dancing plans are very reasonably priced, and range from beginner to advanced and from child to adult. The accomplished student can progress here and be well on his or her way to becoming a professional dancer. The expert guidance received at Virginia Performing Arts Academy is designed with the serious dancer in mind. All of their classes are offered year-round.

Give Virginia Performing Arts Academy a call. You'll be instructed in the finer techniques of dance, and will like the friendly way you will be treated. You, too, can appreciate all the feelings of accomplishment dancing provides while learning at their modern, air-conditioned studios.

# Teens' enterprise has 'Magic Touch'

## Youths captivating audiences with new business

By Rebecca Young  
Correspondent

"Make happy those who are near, and those who are far will come" is an old Chinese proverb that two local youths live by.

Jason Linett, a freshman at First Colonial High School and Brian Patterson, a freshman at Cox High School, started their own business four months ago. They perform magic shows for all types of parties.

The name of their business is "A Magic Touch."

Linett says, "I love to see the children and adults respond and how they enjoy our magic."

The teens do stage magic and close-up magic. When they started, Linett's expertise was in close-up magic, which is performed right in front of the audiences eyes. He performs magic best with his 52 assistants: a deck of playing cards.

His favorite is stage magic, where the audience is not very close and actions need to fill the entire stage. One of Patterson's specialties is performing with live doves. The boys taught each other how to perform the different types of magic so that they both could amaze the crowd with their talents.

Patterson says, "What we do is fun and we enjoy what we're doing." They both feel that they can make money doing what they love to do, which is what jobs are supposed to be about.

Linett has been doing magic since he was six. Brian has been practicing magic for almost three years now. He taught himself how to do magic. To learn, he visited the library often and read all he could get his hands on. Patterson moved to Virginia Beach from Hawaii.

A fellow magician in Hawaii taught him the art of magic. Both the youths are members of the Society of American Magicians, which helps them to learn and discover new ideas.

The boys met each other on the Internet while Patterson was living in Hawaii and Linett was living in Virginia Beach.

They discussed their common talent while they conversed on-line. Then, when Patterson and his



**A MAGIC TOUCH.** Virginia Beach High School students Jason Linett, left, and Brian Patterson have founded a magic company that frequently appears at parties and other functions.

family moved to the area, the two magicians finally got to meet each other. They decided that since they both loved performing magic, they should be performing together.

Patterson says, "We used our hobbies and took it to another level."

Both teens' families are supportive and very proud of what they are doing.

They both use their magic elsewhere, but not to harm or trick anyone. Patterson mainly uses his talent as icebreakers or if his friends to practice. He also likes to see how his friends react to the effect and he should include it in

his act. He performs at school so often, people often call him "Cardman."

The teens are always updating their show. They like variety and feel that as long as they change things, the audience will react better. "When we're doing magic four feet away from a crowd of 20 children, we cannot walk in with a generic show. We feel it is important to include them," says Linett.

Linett was selected to attend the "Tannen's Magic Camp" at the New York Technical Institute in Long Island, N.Y. This camp is run by Louis Tannen Inc. and only

122 magicians were selected to attend last year.

The duo was also recently invited to attend the "Magic in Paradise" convention in Hawaii. Patterson has entered the close-up competition in this, and with Linett's advice, he feels he has a good chance of winning it.

The teens consider Lance Burton to be the best magician of their time, and they both feel they can look up to him. "Lance is a classy, topnotch magician," says Peterson. "He is a star now, but takes time to help others. He knows where he started, and feels the need to help others to get to where he is now."

# Cooper recalls forgotten craft

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"A lot of the cooping work was done by slaves," Harvey said. "The example that I like is Thomas Jefferson's slave who was first a carpenter, then trained as cooper and then trained as a blacksmith."

Within the trade of cooping there are at least three skill levels. Dry cooping was the lowest skill level and wet cooping at the highest end of the skill spectrum while white cooping was somewhere in between.

"Dry casks were used for potatoes and apples and things like that. The tight or wet cooper made wine casks or cider casks. In between was the white cooper who made open-ended, straight-sided buckets and tubs," he said.

As a cooper, Harvey rates himself right in the middle.

"Almost all of the things that I make are straight-timed. I make barrels from time to time, but I don't do it often enough to really be confident of my skills," said Harvey. "I can make barrels like that. I can make the tight things, but it really is a struggle for me to do it," he said.

"One of the advantages of serving an apprenticeship is that you have somebody looking over your shoulder, telling you at every step where you're going wrong," said Harvey. "Since I didn't serve an apprenticeship, that's why I haven't picked up the confidence at that level."

Harvey received most of his formal training in the art of cooping at East Field Village in New York State.

"We were there for a week. We cooked on a hearth, slept in the 18th century tavern and bathed in the cow pond with the cows." It was great, and the cows didn't mind," Harvey recalled.

"When you make a barrel stave, you actually taper the stave at both ends."

When they're assembled in one hoop, it bulges out because the middle is wider than the ends," he pointed out. When iron binding hoops of standard sizes are driven toward the widest part, the staves are squeezed together forming a sealed receptacle. The key to a barrel's tightness has always been the shape.

According to Harvey, there are two distinct advantages to the barrel shape. The barrel shape makes an extremely strong container, and the barrel can be quite easily moved by one person.

"It can be rolled and the direction can be changed by just

spinning it," he noted. "Another thing is that it can be tumbled end over end down a narrow passageway. That was an advantage for people that were using them aboard ships," he observed.

Strictly speaking, containers constructed of wooden staves and hoops are not barrels. They are more accurately described as casks.

A cask is a generic term for wooden containers made of staves and hoops from a butt which is a cask which holds 108 gallons to a pin which is a cask with a capacity of 4 1/2 gallons. In cooper's language, a barrel is a cask with a capacity of 36 gallons.

Harvey has used a variety of woods in his cooping endeavors.

"Actually, I try to use a little bit of everything because that's the way it probably happened on a plantation," he hypothesized.

"They were clearing the plantation so that it could be planted. In this part of Virginia, we had cypress and white cedar so I've used materials that would've been available."

White oak was preferred for fabricating casks to hold liquids such as wine and ale in colonial Virginia.

Harvey still has his first cooping effort—a white cedar bucket. By his own admission, his craft has improved considerably over the years.

"To be perfectly honest, it would probably leak right now," he said. "If I made that same bucket today and it looked like that, I'd probably leave it at home. And I would never bother to show things to people and go around to demonstrate."

What does Harvey like about cooping? It's a very personal thing.

"My great grandfather was a wheelwright and he also was a blacksmith. He made wagons and wagon wheels and the hardware for wagons," recalled Harvey.

"I have some of his tools; I kind of like the fact that—in my second career—I'm doing something that was similar to a trade of a relative. It's kind of a personal thing," he affirmed.

"And then the idea of having a skill — and practicing something that is really foreign to most of us in the 20th century," Harvey contended.

"The eye-hand coordination that it takes to cut the angle on the edge of a stave is kind of exciting to me. That's about it."



**FRUITS OF THEIR LABORS.** Coopers fabricated an amazing variety of casks and buckets from wooden staves.

# '99 real estate assessments ready

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new construction down by 12.8 percent.

Residential new construction amounted to 75 percent of the total yearly construction while commercial/industrial represented 25 percent. Growth in land from rezonings and subdivisions amounted to approximately \$38,030,000.

Total growth in land and buildings amounts to approximately 1.6 percent of the tax base.

The ratio of residential, apartment and agriculture properties to commercial and industrial properties remained unchanged from the current year 81.8 percent and 18.2 percent of the tax base.

The Lynnhaven Borough has

high total assessment of \$6,338,100,580 including the projected increase of four percent. The biggest increase is in fast-growing Princess Anne Borough, seven percent, with a total assessment of \$2,996,776,793.

Total assessments in other boroughs were: Kempville, \$5,608,769,363, an increase of 3.3 percent; Bayside, \$3,316,628,170, an increase of three percent; Virginia Beach, \$1,022,718,455, an increase of 3.3 percent; Blackwater, \$49,016,472, an increase of 5.6 percent; and Pungo, \$244,506,060, an increase of 4.6 percent.

In all classifications—residential, apartment and commercial—residential, only apartments showed a decrease (\$2.62 percent) in the overall mean and a decreased (6.52 percent) in the overall median.

Banagan said that a number of the apartment complexes built in the late '60s or early '70s are not bringing in as much. He also said

that more quarter of a million dollar houses are being built than those under \$100,000.

According to State Department of Taxation figures for 1996 (published this month) Virginia Beach assessments were at 91.8 percent of the sales values of the properties. This compares with 93.5 percent in Chesapeake; 98.8 percent in Hampton; 96.8 percent in Newport News; 94.4 percent in Norfolk; and 92.5 percent in Portsmouth.

Under the land use taxation program in 1998 the city deferred \$3,440,155 on 45,641 acres in the program. Twenty-eight percent of the city's acreage is under land use.

Under the city's real estate tax exemption/deferral/freeze for senior citizens and disabled persons, in 1998 the city exempted \$1,546,036 in taxes for 1,865 persons.

The city also exempted \$3,354,428,981 in taxes on 2,627 parcels fitting the various categories of government, religious and charitable properties.

# Schools seek \$6 million

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anyone expects consolidation but that the two systems can function under one roof.

At the suggestion of Mayor Meyers Oberndorf the issue will be the subject of a public hearing.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that there is a need for the system, but that the budget process is the way to go.

The School Board has already

submitted a \$432 million to the city, but the budget does not include the system.

Councilman Harold Heischberger asked that the RPPs be handled in such a way that the city is not going to be locked into a \$6 million appropriation.

City finance director Patricia Phillips said that the city ordinance authorizing an appropriation can be worded to say that the money is available.

# Marriott going on 25th Street site

Special to the Sun

The resort area's first Marriott hotel, a Courtyard, will be built on the oceanfront at the site of the Princess Anne Inn on 25th Street. The announcement was made last week by Tim Stiffler, chief executive officer of the developer, Tidewater Inn Management.

The 11-story, 141-room hotel will include 28 two-room suites and feature 10 whirlpool-spa rooms, an indoor pool, conference facility, full-service restaurant and outdoor boardwalk cafe.

The new Courtyard will employ full-time staff of approximately 80 year-round and 40 additional seasonal people.

"The multi-million-dollar project will be only the second new hotel on the Virginia Beach oceanfront in more than 10 years," said Stiffler. "The last one, also built by Tidewater Inn Management, was the Holiday Inn Surfside on 26th Street, three years ago."

Demolition of the old Princess Anne Inn and site improvements begin in mid-April, with construction starting in May. The hotel expects to open for April 1, 1999.

"Because the Courtyard was designed by business travelers," continued Stiffler, "we expect to attract a lot of corporate clientele during the off-season. Many business people will prefer staying on the ocean if they recognize the hotel caters to their business as well as leisure needs."

Jim Ricketts, director of Virginia Beach Conventions and Visitors Development, said, "Marriott's Courtyard is one of the best known and most popular hotel chains in America and frequently is requested when people plan vacations and meetings. This is a fantastic new development in our city's continuing resort revitalization."

"Courtyard's high national recognition factor, Marriott's

**"We will employ local skills in every possible aspect of this project."**

Tim Stiffler, CEO,  
Tidewater Inn Management

trademark attention to guest service, and the visually exciting architectural presentation of this particular building will help the entire resort community."

The hotel will adhere to Courtyard's architectural criteria, but will feature a strong local identity reminiscent of the original landmark Princess Anne Inn, through cooperative design efforts of CMSS Architect's Burrell Saunders and Tidewater Inn Management.

"We respect the history associated with 100 years of serving overnight visitors on this location, which for generations has been considered the approximate center of the resort area," Stiffler said.

The new hotel will incorporate visual elements from the turn-of-the-century building. Towers and special roof features will be seen from Atlantic Avenue and from the boardwalk, so, according to Stiffler, "the building will not look like an oceanfront 'shoebox' but create the feeling of a true destination hotel."

"The hotel will feature a two-story lobby to create a grand sense of arrival. Heavy landscaping of palm trees and native grasses will amplify the resort feel."

"We're proud of our Virginia Beach roots," Stiffler added, "and we will employ local skills in every possible aspect of this project."

# Apartment management course set

Tidewater Builders Association's Multifamily Housing Council will offer the Basic Registered in Apartment Management (RAM) Course beginning March 16 and ending May 20. Classes will be held at the TBA offices from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings except April 13 and April 15 (one full-day seminar).

The RAM Course is a 40-hour entry-level training program in on-site management. Successful management principles and practices are conveyed through lectures and group interactions. Topics include financial management/computer introduction, federally assisted and insured housing, VRLTA law, management plans, marketing, risk management and maintenance.

The registration and tuition fee for TMHC members is \$275, the non-member fee is \$375, payable in advance.

Registration fees include lectures, text materials, Shopper's Report form, examination, the Fair Housing/Landlord Tenant Act seminar April 15, and one reservation to attend the RAM graduation. TMHC members may audit classes at \$25 each; non-members may audit for \$30 (on space available basis).

Certified RAM TMHC members may audit sessions free of charge. Reservations, which must be made by 5 p.m., Feb. 27, may be made by calling TBA at 420-2434. Enrollment is limited to 60 students and reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis with payment.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Arts

Works of collage artist David Wann will be on display at the Virginia Beach Adult Learning Center through the month of March. The 25-year-old Norfolk native clips print images that strike his fancy, then arranges them so that they range from the spiritual to the spine-tingling.

Original paintings by Gete Sendak of Virginia Beach are on display until March 15 in the commons area of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk, 520 Graydon Ave.

She is currently performing and recording with the musical group Cultural Wave, an original island-flavored band formed by "the Bahamian Pan Man," King David Hoyte. Cultural Wave will be performing at the Casual Cam, 3157 Virginia Beach Blvd. on Friday, March 6 and Wednesday, April 1. Performance is from 10 p.m. until 1 p.m.

### Clubs

The Retired Officers' Wives Society of Tidewater will hold their March Luncheon at Grand Affairs on Thursday, March 12. The social hour will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$15. The program will be "Fashions by Janet." For reservations call 464-4160. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday, March 9 at 5 p.m.

The Great Neck-Virginia Beach AARP Chapter 4643 will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr.

Single Friends in Christ will be hold a smoke-free/alcohol-free dance on Friday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension Community Center, 4853 Princess Anne Road. There will be free snacks and a cash soda bar. Admission is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Brings canned goods or clothing to help the needy. All proceeds will be donated to local charities. For information, call Sody, 583-3676, Terri Walsh, 471-5166.

### Health

The Diabetes Treatment Center at Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, March 17 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Health Education Center.

### Politics

Every Saturday at 8 a.m. the Republican Party of Virginia Beach holds a breakfast at Captain John's, 14616 Virginia Beach Blvd. near Pembroke Mall. The breakfast is hosted by Republican Party of Virginia Beach Chairman J.P. Godsey and features guest speakers as diverse as school superintendent and United States Senators.

The Beach Democratic Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria on Laskin Rd. Guest speaker will be William W. Harrison Jr. Virginia Beach City Council member. The public is invited to attend. For more information call, 467-2441 or 481-3865.

### Religion

"Parting Words" ("The Seven Last Words from the Cross") is the theme for the Wednesday evening Lenten services at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church 19th and Pacific Avenues. A nursery is provided for all services. The schedule is:

- Feb. 25 "Confession," 7-8 p.m., Rev. David V. Ford.
- March 4 "Spiritual Need," 6:30-7:15 p.m., Rev. William D. Bruner.
- March 11 "Relationships," 6:30-7:15 p.m., Chaplain Robert D. Evans.
- March 18 "Grace," 6:30-7:15 p.m., Rev. Timothy W. Whitaker.
- March 25 "Abandonment," 6:30-7:15 p.m. Rev. Jack W. Scott.
- April 1 "Trust," 6:30-7:15 p.m. Son Rise Singers.
- April 8 "Peace," 6:30-7:15 p.m., Dr. Paul C. Bailey.

Community United Methodist Church will offer a free 14-week Basic Christianity Class beginning Thursday, Feb. 26 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the church, 1072 Old Kempsville Rd. The course, which was written by Dr. William Abraham, a United Methodist minister and seminary professor

from Texas, studies Christian beliefs from a Methodist perspective and is designed for those exploring Christianity for the first time. Free child care will be provided during the class. For more information, contact the church office, 495-1021, George Duvall, 431-0411 or Jane Lowe, 467-1363.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Cynthia B. Caverio Mejia v. Tony B. Mejia  
Cynthia B. Caverio Mejia, Plaintiff v.

Tony B. Mejia, Defendant  
CASE NO. CH98-226  
ORDER OF JUDICIALIZATION

The object of this suit is for the said plaintiff to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonio on the grounds that parties have been separated without cohabitation and without interruption exceeding a period of one year.

It is ORDERED that Tony B. Mejia appear and protect his interest, on or before March 30, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this Court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
By Bill Maulit, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: In the matter of the adoption of the minor child known as JASMIN JOY SEXTON  
CASE NO. CA98-14  
ORDER OF JUDICIALIZATION

The object of this suit is for Step-parent adoption.

It is ORDERED that James Russell Sexton appear and protect his interest, on or before March 19, 1998, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this Court.

Date: January 26, 1998  
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK  
By Cindy Villalpando, Deputy Clerk

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### Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given in accordance with §9-6.14.7.1 of the Code of Virginia that the State Water Control Board intends to amend the Ground Water Withdrawal Regulation 9 VAC 25-610-10 et seq. The proposed regulatory amendment will (1) establish ground water withdrawal requirements for agricultural ground water users, (2) incorporate legislative amendments to the Ground Water Management Act of 1992 adopted by the 1994 session of the Virginia General Assembly and (3) require that DEQ perform technical evaluations of the impacts of proposed withdrawals that are currently required of the applicant.

BASIS OF REGULATION: The Ground Water Withdrawal Regulation (9 VAC 25-610-10 et seq.) is authorized by the Ground Water Management Act of 1992, Chapter 25 (§ 62-1-254 et seq.) of Title 62 of the Code of Virginia. Specifically, § 62-1-256.8 authorizes the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of the Act. The amendments currently proposed will establish ground water withdrawal requirements for agricultural ground water users as authorized in § 62-1-256, § 62-1-260.E, and § 62-1-261.C. The proposed amendments also incorporate legislative amendments to § 62-1-260.A, that were adopted by the 1994 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

PURPOSE OF REGULATORY AMENDMENT: Regulation of agricultural ground water withdrawals within designated

ground water management areas is required by the Act. This requirement will assure that existing ground water users are protected from the impacts of increased ground water withdrawals for agricultural purposes and will grant legal standing to existing agricultural ground water withdrawals. The 1994 legislative amendment will assure that community water supplies are issued ground water withdrawal permits based on historic usage that will support their needs during times of significant drought, as typified by the drought of 1981. The requirement for DEQ to perform technical evaluations of the impacts of proposed withdrawals will remove a significant regulatory burden for the regulated community. This requirement will also result in more effective and efficient evaluation of the impact of individual withdrawals as well as the cumulative impacts of total lawful withdrawals and assure that ground water withdrawal permits are issued in compliance with existing regulatory criteria. These existing criteria were established to assure that ground water withdrawal permits are issued in a fashion that would protect the rights of all existing ground water users to continue their usage to protect the public welfare, safety and health.

OTHER INFORMATION: DEQ has additional information available regarding the estimated impact and issues related to the proposal.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Two public hearings have been scheduled to solicit public comments regarding the proposal. They will be held at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, March 25, 1998, 7:00 p.m., Northampton County Circuit Court Room, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.  
Thursday, March 26, 1998, 3:00 p.m., James City County Board of Supervisors Room, 101 C Mounts Bay Road, Bldg. C, Williamsburg, VA.

A thirty minute question and answer period will precede each public hearing. Public comments will be accepted at both meetings and in writing to the contact listed below.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMMENTS: Friday, April 17, 1998

CONTACT: Terry D. Wagner, P.O. Box 10009, Richmond, VA 23240, Phone: (804) 698-4043, fax: (804) 698-4032.

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### Public Notice

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 1998 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building, PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY. THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: 1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ferrell Parkway Associates, L.L.C. Property is located at 5020 Ferrell Parkway, KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING

### DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Matilda Russell for a Change of Zoning - District Classification from A-12 Apartment District and O-2 Office District to R-55 Residential Single Family District on the east side of S. Kentucky Avenue, 183 feet south of Bonney Road on Lot 7-12 & 13, Block 1, Midway, the proposed zoning classification change to R-55 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 5000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium & high density at densities that are compatible with townhouse and multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 20,996 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

3. Application of The Southland Corporation for an Amendment to the Green Run Land Use Plan to allow gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience store and a car wash on certain property located at the northeast corner of S. Independence Boulevard and Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel contains 2,414 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Whitehurst Auto Tech, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to B-2 Community Business District on Lots 20, 21, 22, 42, 43 & 44, Block 41, Euclid Place. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 200 Dorset Avenue and contains 17,250 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Whitehurst Auto Tech, Inc., for a Condition Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service on Lots 20, 21, 22, 42, 43 & 44, Block 41, Euclid Place. Said parcel is located at 200 Dorset Avenue and contains 17,250 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial parking lot at the northeast intersection of Atlantic Avenue and 30th Street. Said parcel is located at 3003 Atlantic Avenue and contains 1.03 acres. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Mills Lawn & Garden/James H. Mills for a Conditional Use Permit for small engine repair on the east side of Commonwealth Place on Lot G-2, Level Green. Said parcel is located at 928 Commonwealth Place and contains 1.54 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Age International Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 1056 feet more or less north of Courthouse Loop. Said parcel is located at 2641 Princess Anne Road and contains 10.867 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Larry's Import Center, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair garage on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 150 feet more or less east of Riddle Avenue. Said parcel is located at 1803 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1 acre more or less. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Jim Briggs for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 182.5 feet east of Louisa Avenue. Said parcel is located at 1618 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 27,442.8 square feet. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING

DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: 11. An Ordinance upon Application of O & R, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District & P-1 Preservation

District to A-18 Apartment District with PD-H Planned Unit Development Overlay on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Shore Drive and W. Stratford Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-18 with a PD-H overlay is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor and natural resources conservation use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 3800 Shore Drive and contains 4,039 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE: 12. Application of O&R, Inc., a Virginia Corporation, for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Powhatan Avenue beginning on the west side of Powhatan Avenue and running between Lots 1 through 4, Block 40 and Lots 6 through 14, Block 46 as shown on the plat entitled "Survey of right-of-Way Street Closure for a Portion of Powhatan Avenue located between Block 40 and 46 of Ocean Park" and recorded in Map Book 5, Page 132. Said parcel contains 35,594 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

13. Application of Weldon T. Jr., and Gertrude A. Byrns for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of an unnamed street beginning at the southeast corner of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad right-of-way and running in an easterly direction a distance of 163.97 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 8,198 square feet. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

14. Application of School Board of Virginia Beach for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of 15th Street beginning at the eastern boundary of Mediterranean Avenue and running in an easterly direction a distance of 325 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 16,250 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 12/10/97: 15. An Ordinance to amend Section 203 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to on-site parking requirements for restaurants and parking requirements for extremely large shopping centers.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/11/98:

16. Application of Atlantic Shores Retirement Community, L.L.C., Atlantic Shores Cooperative Association, Inc., for the modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for a retirement community on March 12, 1990. Property is located at 1200 Atlantic Shores Drive, PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Davisville Properties, L.L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District at the southwest intersection of First Colonial Road and Republic Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential use at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 11.681 acres more or less. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Robert J. Scott Planning Director Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolution and amendments are on file and may be examined by the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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### Public Notice

#### Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: KEMPVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard M. Waizer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to A-36 Apartment District on the south side of Bonney Road, 500 feet more or less east of Bendix Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-36 is for apartment land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for marketplace corridor use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4353 Bonney Road and contains 3,023.9 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 2. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard M. Waizer for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for the elderly on the south side of Bonney Road, 500 feet more or less east of Bendix Road. Said parcel is located at 4353 Bonney Road and contains 3,023.9 acres. KEMPVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: LYNNAVEN BOROUGH 3. An Ordinance upon Application of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District to B-2 Community Business District on the east side of Riddle Avenue, south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/low density at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1803-1813 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 4,560 square feet more or less. LYNNAVEN BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: BAYSIDE BOROUGH

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Virginia Metronet Inc. dba 360 Communications Co., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower for wireless communications at the intersection of Wesleyan Drive and Haygood Road. Said parcel is located at 4960 Haygood Road and contains 32.28 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Trench H. Phillips, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automotive repair facility on certain property located on the south side of Cleveland Street beginning at a point 250 feet east of Opal Avenue. Said parcel contains 1.03 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

ENLARGEMENT OF NONCONFORMING USE: VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH

6. Application of PDS, Inc., T/A McDonald's for an enlargement of a nonconforming use at the southwest corner of Pacific Avenue and 21st Street. Said parcel is located at 300 21st Street and contains 49,000 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

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## Women's History Month series to highlight 'Innovators'

The Women's Resource Office at Virginia Wesleyan College is presenting a lecture series for Women's History Month titled "Innovators." The lectures will all be presented at 11 a.m. in the Blockley Science Auditorium on the Virginia Wesleyan College campus.

On Thursday, March 5, Dr. Ann Brower, professor, chair and program director for the Department of Radiology at Eastern Virginia Medical School and winner of the Marie Curie Award from the American Association of Women Radiologists, will discuss "35 Years of Women in Medicine." On Thursday, March 19, Dr. Rebecca H. Weaver, professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, will discuss "One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Women in Church History."

On Thursday, March 26, Rear Adm. Bonnie Potter, Chief Medical Corps U.S. Navy and Commander National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., will discuss "Opportunities for Women in Navy Medicine."

For more information, call the Women's Resource Office, 455-3113.

## 'Piano Lesson' plays at VWC

The Slices of Life Theatre Company will present "The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson as its 1998 season opener. Wilson is an award-winning African-American playwright whose work is often compared to the work of Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller.

His second play, "Fences," won a Tony Award, the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, the Drama Desk Award and the Pulitzer Prize. In "The Piano Lesson," Wilson weaves a rich tapestry with his lyric use of language and his insightful characterizations of an African-American family.

Two performances will be held at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday at Virginia Wesleyan College's Hofheimer Theater. Tickets are \$12.50 for general admission and \$10.50 for students with I.D. and senior citizens. Group rates for a minimum of 25 are also available at a cost of \$10.50 for general admission and \$9.50 for students and senior citizens.

For reservations at Virginia Wesleyan College, call 455-5700.

Two additional performances will be held at 8 p.m. on March 7 and at 3 p.m. on March 8 in the theatre company's performance space at 3300 E. Princess Anne Road in Norfolk. For reservations and group rate information at the East Princess Anne Road location, call 857-7707.

## Boogie woogie bugle girls

The Hampton Roads premiere of "Swingtime Canteen" is Saturday at Founders Inn. The Dominion Theater will present the cavalcade of 1940s hits with a full-fledged USO concert. Featured performers, from left, are Shea Segar Smith, Debbie Garrick, Sandy Martin Huggins, Amy Murray and Virginia Vail. Performances run Feb. 28 through May 20 on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. For reservations or more information call, 366-5749.



## Public School Chorus appears with Beach symphony

The Virginia Beach Public School Chorus and pianist Escher Huang will appear with the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David S. Kunkel, for a performance of Beethoven's "Choral Fantasia in C minor, Op. 80" and Howard Hanson's "Song of Democracy."

The concert, which is the orchestra's third concert of the 1997-1998 season, will be held at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach on Sunday.

The Virginia Beach Public School chorus is comprised of students from Cox High School and Kellam High School. Wendy

Van Gent, choral director of Cox High School, and Lisa Ellerbee, Kellam High School's choral director, have combined efforts to create this talented 100-plus member chorus.

Esther Huang, the guest pianist for the choir and orchestra, is a 17-year-old honor student at

Kempsville High School and a piano student of the locally renowned Walter Noona.

The Virginia Beach Symphony concert also will include a performance of Beethoven's "Egmont Overture," Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Joan Tower's "Fanfare for the

Uncommon Woman."

Concert tickets, which can be obtained from the box office, are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For further information, call 671-8611.

## School Board considering calendar, schedule change

The Virginia Beach School Board is scheduled to consider a recommendation to change the starting time of many schools in the city as well as adjust the calendar year by two days. The discussion of the proposal will take place at the board's March 3 meeting.

In the meantime, the school system is asking for community opinion on the proposal through a telephone Voice Poll system.

The recommendations are:

- Add 15 minutes to the instructional day at the elementary level.

- Add five minutes to the instructional day at the middle and high school levels.

- To eliminate double bus runs, initiate staggered starting times for elementary schools, i.e. half of the city's elementary schools will start 30 minutes earlier than the other half.

- Consider a 180-day calendar.

The recommendation was shaped by a school system committee comprised of teachers, principals, administrators and parents after several months of deliberation.

According to Joan Mason, assistant superintendent of

elementary education and chair of the committee, the changes are necessary for several reasons. Most notably, new Standards of Accreditation, which have been adopted by the State Board of Education, mandate that 75 percent of annual instructional time at the elementary level must be spent on the core subjects of reading/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. To comply with this requirement, Virginia Beach needs to increase instructional time in the elementary schools.

"The 15-minute addition at the elementary level will allow us to comfortably meet the new SOA requirements. This increase in instructional time along with the addition of five minutes at the secondary level will allow the School Board to consider a 180-day calendar," said Mason. The Virginia Beach school system currently has a 182-day school year.

Parents, staff and students are encouraged to voice their opinions on the proposed school hours. For this reason a voice poll has been established to share the opinions of the entire community. Call 427-9737.



## Lunchtime reading

Unkorn Park Elementary School students Te-Shia Murray, Patrick Lindauer, Terronika Denmark and Anastasia Samaras gather around Xavier Nunnally for a good book. Custodian at the school, Nunnally used his lunch break to visit classes and share storybook reading time.

## Wine, dine and have a great time

The seventh annual "Wine By Design" promises to deliver an annual blend of more than 30 wines, great live music, a fun crowd and a good time — all to benefit the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia (CACV). The event is from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday (today).

And it's good for you, too, as Dr. Roy Williams will attest during a 6:30 p.m. lecture in the auditorium about the health benefits of wine. A professor of chemistry at Old Dominion University, Dr. Williams will discuss components of wine and grape seeds which have been shown to exhibit positive health benefits.

At 7 p.m., volunteers and representatives from Tri-Cities, Brandy-Kantor and Associated wine distributors will begin serving samples of over 30 international wines.

Advance tickets are available for \$25 at Artifax Gallery at Hilltop in Virginia Beach and in Ghent, and at the CACV. If they're still available on the day of the event, tickets can be purchased only at the CACV for \$30.



## 'Pinocchio' features Beach players

When the Hurrah Players open their latest production, the Emmy Award-winning musical "Pinocchio," several Virginia Beach residents will be in the spotlight. Dan Geroe, a fifth grader at Trantwood Elementary, plays the title role, while 14-year-old Elisea of Tallwood High, Cape Henry Collegiate kindergarten Ta'ja Riley and Virginia Beach General Hospital registered nurse Toni Zito are all featured as lead singers and dancers. Although only 10 years old, Geroe has the resume of a much older performer. He credits include appearances on the Discovery and Learning channels, along with principal roles in the Hurrah Players' "Zip-A-Dee Hurrah," "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and "Charlotte's Web." "Pinocchio" will be performed at Willett Hall in Portsmouth on Friday, March 6 and 13 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 7 and 14 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, March 8 and 15 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$11 and \$13 with all seats reserved. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased at the Willett Hall box office, at any TicketMaster location or by calling 671-8100.

## Grandparents group fills GAP

By Aune Kirk  
Correspondent

They've raised their children and were looking forward to their golden years.

Now for some unforeseen reason, they are faced with raising their grandchildren as well. But, this is a new generation and things have changed drastically since their children were young. These grandparents face new challenges, obstacles and even communication problems.

Help is on the way.

Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads is offering a support education group, Grandparents As Parents (GAP), to help them deal with the special problems they are facing.

According to associate director Colleen Charlton, grandparents raising grandchildren have special needs, and one of the purposes of the group is to help grandparents negotiate the bureaucracy and the system.

"Sometimes they need food stamps, or they are on Medicare and want to know how the child can get medical help or they want to know to get grandchildren on their medical plan," Charlton explained.

"They have to deal with shot records for school or there may be a problem such as a child's learning disability. They really are learning

how to parent in a different world than they raised their children."

The group will also be a support system for grandparents to share stories, hear about the life changes brought about by "new parenthood," a place to acknowledge and respect feelings, learn about dealing with the adult child and address parenting issues.

Charlton said the issue was first brought to light by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) because the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren is growing.

According to statistics, there are 831,000 mid-life and older adults caring for their grandchildren with neither parent in the household. The total number of children in these households is 1.02 million.

The number of grandchildren under 18 living with their grandparents has increased by 6 percent over the past 25 years. However, from the year 1992 to 1993, the figures jumped significantly up to 17 percent.

Charlton said there are many reasons for the increase. "Before, we saw grandparents raising grandchildren in the event of a family emergency or death," she said. "Now it may be the parent is incarcerated or into drugs."

Other reasons may be the parent

is not responsible, or they can't make it on their own with minimum or low wages. Sometimes the adult child will also live in the home and there is "joint parenting" going on.

While this may sound overwhelming to some, Charlton said most grandparents choose to raise the grandchildren because they feel it is better for the child.

"They also think it will keep them young, providing they're in good health, and it's fun if they are able to do it," she said.

Catholic Charities already has five successful groups in Norfolk that began in November. So far they have contacted 293 grandparents through the program. There is also a group in Williamsburg, groups starting in March in Chesapeake and Portsmouth, and interest in Hampton and Newport News.

"We can't move this fast enough," Charlton said.

Future goals include having grandparents training other grandparents after a year's experience with the group, and adding support groups for children. Funding for the Virginia Beach group was made possible by a gift from Mrs. Virginia Ferguson and the Virginia Beach Foundation. The group is free.

For more information, call 467-7707.



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# PORTSMOUTH



DIGGING IN. Groundbreaking for Maryview Medical Center's new state-of-the-art birthing center was held. The facility is set to open in June.

# PROGRESS '98

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT, FEBRUARY 27, 1998

# The year in review: Changing for the future

By Kenneth M. Wheeler

Carol Rowe had an interesting problem.

The city of Portsmouth's video services manager was assigned to produce a brief videotape of highlights of 1997 for presentation to City Council's winter retreat in early February. The problem was that so many good things had happened in the city during the year that many, many items had to be omitted to keep the tape within 10 minutes.

What a wonderful problem!

Under the leadership of Mayor James W. Holley III, the members of the City Council and City Manager Ronald W. Massie the city moved ahead on many fronts.

Major highlights include:

■ A \$45 million waterfront conference center and hotel complex announced in January 1998 and expected to open in early 2000, creating 300 new jobs, \$1.5 million in annual local taxes and \$20 million in annual spending by conference center and hotel guests.

■ The third annual NEAT Summit at Willett Hall and Hunt-Mapp Middle School in the same month, attracting more than 700 people, nearly half of them teens, who focused on ways to improve livability in Portsmouth neighborhoods.

Days before the successful summit, Interim Police Chief John Tucker announced that crime in Portsmouth decreased in 1997 for the sixth consecutive year to the lowest levels in 10 years, thanks in part to the award-winning NEAT community policing program.

■ A financial report in January that said the financial condition of the city continues to improve, that efforts are continuing to reach City Council's financial goals, and that fiscal challenges lie ahead because of Portsmouth land-locked center city status and the need for many "catch-up" expenditures in technology, equipment replacement and facility maintenance and repairs.

■ A visit by two congressmen — Norman Sisisky and Robert Scott — to announce \$24.8 million federal grant to Portsmouth for a dramatic new approach in redeveloping the Ida Barbour housing area. Vice Mayor Johnny

## Portsmouth family grows

On behalf of the Office of the Mayor, the members of the Portsmouth City Council and our city management team, I am pleased to report that Portsmouth had a very good year in 1997 and looks forward to an even better year in 1998.

Ground bre. James W. Holley III akings and grand openings took place all over the city last year. Portsmouth is truly on a roll, enjoying a renaissance that must be credited to a unified and committed City Council, a strong professional management team headed by City Manager Ron Massie, and support from hundreds of organizations and individuals throughout the community.

Some might say that our success is due to a team effort. I would like to say that it is the fruits of the Portsmouth family working together to make our city a better place to live, work, play and visit.

Our citizens have really stepped forward. Participation in

our Vision 2005 economic development program and in the NEAT community policing program has been wonderful.

It was very gratifying to see more than 700 members of our Portsmouth family — half of them teens — at the third annual NEAT Summit last month. The people there included all of our City Council: Vice Mayor Johnny M. Clemons and Councilmen Bernard D. Griffin Sr., Cameron C. Pitts, James T. Martin, P. Ward Robinet Jr. and J. Thomas Benn III.

The Portsmouth family is poised for more progress. Our new Clean Community Commission is actively engaged in a "War on Ugly." Indeed, it was quite gratifying to see more than 120 members of city boards and commissions at a City Council retreat just last month.

We are still facing many challenges, in our budget, in our neighborhoods and in our business development. But City Council is committed to the three goal areas of fiscal strength, neighborhood quality and economic development and I am optimistic about our future.

Together, the Portsmouth family will not fail!

M. Clemons said the Portsmouth program, at a total cost of \$59 million on 53 acres, "will transform the heart of our city."

■ Introduction of a major golf strategy that will turn the city's four golf courses from a \$300,000 a year liability into a revenue producer of \$500,000 a year. The plan included transformation of the Bide-A-Wee facility into a Curtis Strange signature course and upgrade at the newly-named course called The Links at City Park.

■ Opening of the High Street Landing in July as a new portal to Portsmouth and ferry terminal. The new Olde Towne gateway was a major accomplishment of the city's Vision 2005 program. Shortly after the opening of High Street

Landing, the Jewish Mother opened a restaurant facility featuring a full-service deli, an ice-cream bar and entertainment in the historic 1894 Seaboard Building.

■ Breaking ground for three major developments at Sterling Creek, the site of the old Churchland High School. Projects on the site include Sterling Cove, a 63-unit retirement condominium development by Century Mark Development Group; Province Place of Maryview, a Bon Secours-Maryview assisted-care facility of individual living quarters; and Sterling Cove Commons, a commercial area developed by CBL and Associates, featuring a Hannaford Bros. supermarket.

■ The first in a series of biennial citizen satisfaction surveys that showed that 87 percent of Portsmouth citizens are satisfied with the overall operation of city government services. The telephone survey showed satisfaction levels of 85 percent with overall quality of life in Portsmouth and 87 percent with the courtesy and responsiveness of city employees.

■ Opening of a new 150-home subdivision called Lake Shores on the site of the once notorious River Edge Apartments. One of the three developers building homes in the new neighborhood called it "the first project of this magnitude this side of the Churchland Bridge in 30 years."

■ Announcement of a plan to phase out the 279-acre Fairwood Homes, a neighborhood of World War II "temporary" housing, to create commerce park space and upgraded housing over the next several years. The first phase includes a 100-acre commerce park near I-264, providing the city with 20 to 30-acre development parcels not currently available in PortCentre or other locations.

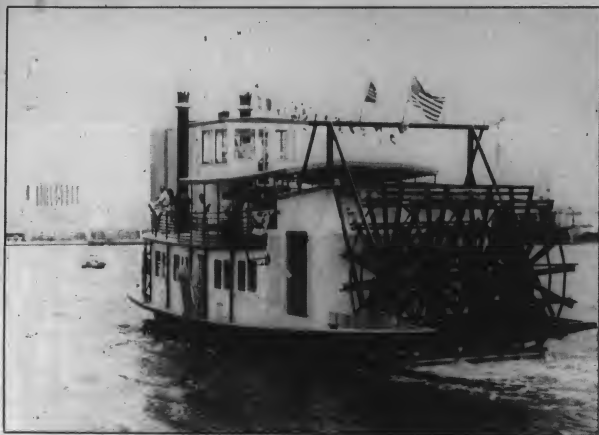
■ Construction of a 100,000-square-foot, \$8 million "flex" office building in PortCentre Commerce Park. At the building groundbreaking, Armada/Hoffler and Portsmouth native Daniel J. Hoffler proclaimed that "Portsmouth is open for business."

■ Start of construction of Maryview Medical Center's new Maryview Birthing Center to bring state-of-the-art labor, delivery and nursery services to the women of Portsmouth and surrounding areas. Maryview Medical Center continues as a major employer and service provider in the Hampton Roads region.

■ Beginning of a major expansion of the Children's Museum of Virginia that will add more than two dozen new hands-on exhibits as well as the Lancaster antique toy and train collection. One of Hampton Roads' most popular family attractions, the Children's Museum opened in its new location in December 1995, and expansion will double the size of the learning center.

There was more, of course. There were plenty of festivals, new businesses opening all over the city including many in Olde Towne, popular annual events like the Olde Towne Ghost Walk, a new Clean Community program.

No wonder Carol Rowe had such a problem!



A NEW DAY, A NEW WAY. Ferry services from the foot of High Street to Waterside in Norfolk will make the commute easier for travelers.



VISION 2005 IN ACTION. Consultant Ray Gindroz lauded the citizens and city government for their input into the new High Street Landing.



A MAYORAL WISH. Last year marked the first time that Portsmouth participated in Paint Your Heart Out. Mayor James Holley III, left, presented 80-year-old homeowner Maggie Vanall with a bouquet and his congratulations once the Highland-Biltmore home was freshly painted.



OUT WITH THE OLD. Operation Sledgehammer got under way last summer with the demolition of a dilapidated house on Fayette Street. The program targets blight and decay.



NEAT IDEA. Portsmouth's community policing program made strides in 1997, involving more citizens in efforts to solve their neighborhood issues.



CHANGE IS COMING. Last month Mayor James Holley announced plans for a multimillion dollar hotel and conference center to be located at the Portsmouth waterfront.

UNITING YOUNG AND OLD. The 1998 NEAT Summit sought young people's answers to problems facing their communities.

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# PORTSMOUTH PROGRESS '98

## Tucker: Crime fighting starts at home

*Editor's note: The following comments were made by Interim Police Chief John Tucker at the January NEAT summit. He highlights strides made in community policing in 1997.*

"When I was asked to make some remarks I wasn't certain what to relate to you. I knew that simply reciting statistics wasn't a good idea. However, there is one that I do want to share with you. Crime is down another 5.8 percent. This is the sixth consecutive year of decreased crime in Portsmouth.



Exactly why is unknown, but we've all worked together this past year — citizens, law enforcement and other agencies —

John Tucker  
Interim Police Chief

and we can only hope that our combined efforts have resulted in the desired effect.

There was a report in the paper last Sunday that indicated that although crime was down, some people didn't experience the reduction and didn't share in the success. I can understand that. As I told a reporter, crime is a personal thing. If you're a victim, it doesn't matter much to you if someone else is not and there were 500 fewer crimes — you were still a victim.

All of us are here today to look at the larger picture. The city's progress in fighting crime is measured by crime statistics that are documented on a yearly basis. We didn't get to where we are overnight and we won't solve all of our problems quickly. We will have successes and we will have failures. We may make great strides forward in some areas while at the same time falling back in others. But we've consistently shown over the last six years that the situation is improving. Our overall gains are getting larger and we need to continue working towards the goal

of making Portsmouth a safer community. We will never eliminate all crime, human nature won't allow it. What we must do is work toward eliminating those events and attitudes over which we have some influence and control.

Today we are here to do just that. Obviously, we are here because we all share similar concerns, concerns that you will hear repeated again and again — that the youth of our community are our future, I, for one, am pleased to see that they had such a large hand in developing the agenda and organizing this summit. We are here to look into the causes of youth crime. We are also here because we don't want to repeat some of our early community policing mistakes.

We went into neighborhoods and, since we were the experts, we told you what your problems were and how we would solve them for you. That approach was wrong and we learned that very quickly. Out of those early failures came NEAT (Neighborhood Enhancement and Action Teams) and our current philosophy of policing in Portsmouth.

Through this summit we hope not to make those same mistakes in evaluating youth crime and problems. We want to bring adults, young adults and youth together and create a dialogue on the causes of youth crime and solutions that all of us can implement.

Certainly, youth violence is not confined to the city of Portsmouth. It's a problem everywhere. But are we to say, "Well, we are no worse off than other cities." I don't believe so. It's your presence here today that says, "We are better. We see a problem and we are going to do everything in our power to solve it!"

Over my 20 years in law enforcement I've seen three things that I believe are root causes of violence and crime, particularly those that involve our young adults and youth:

■ First, the failure to take responsibility for your own

**I know we are asking a lot from you. But, this is a partnership between law enforcement, the city and responsible citizens of all ages.**

actions.

■ Second, the perceived need to resort to lethal force to resolve minor disputes. Recently a 16-year-old was sentenced to 43 years for killing. This tragedy stemmed from a fight over a basketball game! It was devastating for all involved. A young adult is dead and the life of a 16-year-old is destroyed. There is no alternative. We must change this use of force mentality.

■ And third, this one I think is obviously to everyone — drugs, the involvement with drugs in any manner. Using, dealing, associating with those who do, or just being around drugs.

We've all heard about the type of drug-related shootings that can and do occur, and the bullets are quite impersonal. When they leave the barrel they don't care whose body they strike or whose life they destroy.

In addition, the negative physical, social and economic impact drugs have on the community is evident. We need to reach those people who demonstrate these negative behaviors. It's doubtful that many of them are here today, so they are the ones we must look for and reach out to.

We can't allow these self-destructive attitudes to continue to destroy generation after generation. All of this brings me to the purpose of our summit today.

First, we want you to break into small NEAT groups to "examine problems specific to individual neighborhoods. Next, you will develop solutions you can commit to implementing. And finally we need you to commit to follow-up meetings, because all of the work can't be accomplished today.

I know we are asking a lot from you. But, this is a partnership between law enforcement, the city and responsible citizens of all ages to solve problems that currently reduce the quality of life in our neighborhoods, lower property values and most importantly, destroy futures.

I am speaking now to the youth and young adults in the audience. We need your input. I can only relate to what it was like to grow up when I was actually doing it. I'm sure that's the case with everyone else here.

We can imagine the pressures exerted by society and one's peers on today's youth, but we can't know their impact. That's why it's so important that you be involved in developing strategies to combat the crime that is plaguing you and your communities.

During the summit we will be establishing a Youth Crime Prevention Council. This is a logical extension of our community policing efforts. I am asking our young people to sign up today or contact your NIO (Neighborhood Impact Officer) later and sign up then. I am asking you to get your friends involved in developing realistic solutions to the problems you see that we cannot. We can't succeed without your help.

It's been said many times before, but it bears repeating: the city cannot be successful unless the citizens support it, and it's only through our joint efforts that we will reap all the benefits of our successes."

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### Portsmouth Sheriff's Office 1997 Annual Report

Average daily jail population: ..... 505

Fees collected from housing federal inmates which was deposited into the city's General Fund: ..... \$825,114.84

Inmate Medical Co-pay funds collected and deposited into the city's General Fund: ..... \$2,162.15

Taxpayer Savings by using the Alternative Work Program/inmate Work Detail: ..... \$411,789.30  
(Figure reached by multiplying the number of hours inmate worked by minimum wage: 80,743 x \$5.10 = \$411,789.30)

Taxpayer Savings from using Auxiliary Deputy volunteers to working in the jail and other Portsmouth Sheriff's programs: ..... \$130,125.30  
(Figure reached by multiplying the number of volunteer hours worked by the deputy hourly pay rate: 11,723 x \$11.10).

Number of warrants received in 1997 to be processed and served: ..... 8,498

Number of warrants served: ..... 8,333

Number of funerals escorted ..... 911

Total number of DARE graduates from both public and private schools: ..... 1,613

Portsmouth Sheriff's Office Alternative Work Program/inmate Work Crews were awarded First Place Governmental Agency Award for the state in the "Keep Virginia Beautiful" campaign.

First female captain named in the history of the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office, Captain Dorothy N. Banks.

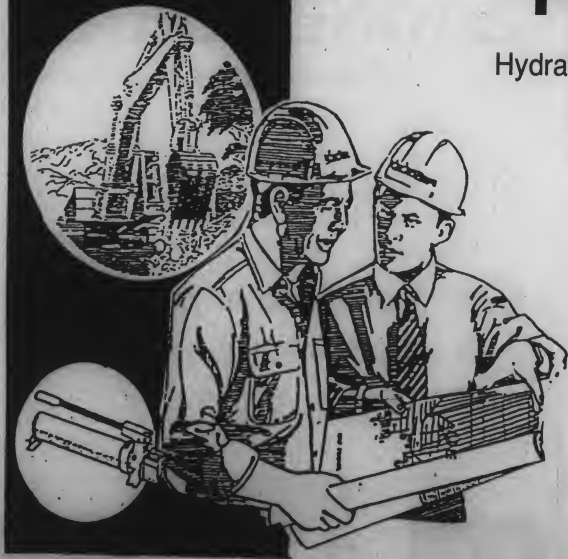
Lt. Brenda Lundy, DARE and crime prevention coordinator, named Virginia Cops Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office.

First class of deputies to graduate from the Law Enforcement Certification Program. This program was pioneered by Sheriff Gary Waters and approved for the first time by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Sheriff Gary Waters was the recipient of the Hampton Roads Crime Prevention Association Government Agency Award.

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# PORTSMOUTH PROGRESS '98

## Portsmouth's best-kept secret is family-operated enterprise

Service is the basic concept upon which Hydraulic Service Company Inc. was established nearly four decades ago.

At the time the firm was launched, the Short Brothers were already well established in the service station business. They were having difficulties having their own hydraulic and pneumatic equipment repaired.

They realized there was a genuine need for a company that specialized in these types of repairs.

With that premise in mind, Hydraulic Service Company was founded in 1956.

Today it represents more than 100 major product lines and, according to D. B. Short,

president, "Service is still our primary emphasis. And we feel that we have one very distinct advantage over most other equipment distributors that we offer service on all of the products we sell."

"That really means a lot to the customer, knowing that parts and service are available after you have purchased the product. Service is and will always be the backbone of our company," reiterated Short.

If you mention Hydraulic Service Company's name in the marine, industrial or construction community, you quickly realize that it is "a little industrial giant." It has a complete machine shop to complement its

service department and has the capabilities to manufacture many parts and units to help reduce the customers down time.

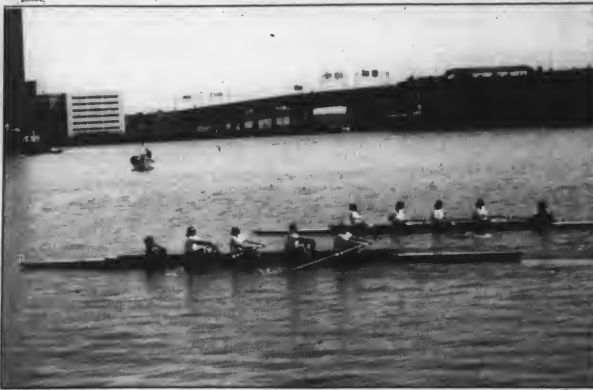
The company also has a complete lubricating and pneumatics department to handle all portable tools and air compressors.

The firm is located at 3215 Portsmouth Blvd.

With more than 40 employees, Hydraulic Service Company may be Portsmouth's best-kept industrial secret.

"We are simply not consumer-oriented," said Short.

"However we do have a lot to offer the average customer in the hand tool and portable equipment line," he said.



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### Row!

The Crawford Bay Crew Classic in March introduced many newcomers to the Portsmouth waterfront. This year's is slated for March 28.

## Learning for life

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Portsmouth Catholic offers students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth the chance to excel academically and socially. Our program encourages the development of academic skill, as well as social, emotional and physical growth.

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Portsmouth Catholic currently has 215 students enrolled. The school day starts at 8:05 a.m. and dismisses at 2:50 p.m. Pre-kindergarten dismisses at noon. The school offers before and after



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school care programs, starting at 7:05 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Students in grades kindergarten through eighth wear the school uniform.

Clubs and special enrichment programs include ecology club, standardized testing, interscholastic sports program, D.A.R.E. program, Girl Scouts, Art and community service, monthly prayer services and Family Fun Day.

Portsmouth Catholic encourages parental involvement in the school. Many opportunities exist to take an active roll in your child's education.

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# PORTSMOUTH PROGRESS '98

## High Street Landing new beacon to city visitors

By Keith Toler

**Convention and Visitor's Bureau**  
Last year was a very good one for travel in Portsmouth.

Our staff at the Visitor Information Center and the Information Kiosk assisted more than 58,000 visitors.

There were close to 3,000 people who took the trolley tour of Old Towne this summer, and for the holidays TRT and the Portsmouth Convention and Visitors Bureau worked together to package a tour that included Old Towne, Port Norfolk, a stop at the Barn and one at Coleman's Nursery.

High Street Landing opened and has welcomed over a quarter million people arriving by ferry.

In third quarter of 1997, lodging tax was up 9 percent over 1996 taxes. Because of outstanding programming at the Arts Center, visitation was up 149 percent during the same period.

Over the years, the lodging tax in Portsmouth has been fairly flat, ranging from \$200,000 to about \$215,000 for the past 10

years. The reason is we have had aging properties and no new inventory of rooms. However, this is change.

The Holiday Inn has undergone extensive renovations to virtually every room; the Travelers Inn is undergoing extensive renovations now and will soon become a Best Western Limited. A new Comfort Inn will open in the spring offering an additional 60 rooms to our inventory.

We anxiously await the new conference center and hotel complex, scheduled to open in the spring of 2000. The bed and breakfast business is booming for Portsmouth, including two bed and breakfasts in Old Towne, a new one opening in Port Norfolk, and we are proud to announce the arrival of the Bianca, the only boat and breakfast inn in all of Hampton Roads.

All of these businesses working together should show a significant increase in lodging tax over the next several years.

## Taste '98 at Virginia's Incredible Edibles

The sixth annual Virginia's Incredible Edibles, a Made-in-Virginia gourmet food and wine show, is set for Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 at The Max, 425 Water St.

Tickets are on sale now for one of three show times. Friday's show hours are 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday's show hours are noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.

This year's festival features Afion Mountain Vineyards, Ashman Distributing Co., Barboursville Vineyards, The Bread Shop, Brutti's Espresso Bar, Chateau Morissette Winery, Fearnow Brothers, Inc., Herb Works, Holland Sauce Co., Horton Vineyards, Hubbard Peanut Co., Inc., Ingleside Plantation Vineyard, Jefferson Vineyards, Ltd., Johnson Interprises, Inc., Linda's Garden, Oakencroft Vineyard, Purely American, Stonewall Vineyard, Ltd., The Ultimate Brownie, The Virginia Honey Co., Vickie's Jelly Jar, Williamsburg Winery, Windy River Winery, Wintergreen Vineyard and Wisse Cakes.

This is the second year of the East/West Wine Challenge.

Dr. Roy Williams, director of the Ecological Research Facility at Old Dominion University, will coordinate this challenge. A select number of award winning wines from the Virginia wine competitions across the state will be placed in direct competition with wines of the same varietal and vintage from California.

Wines will also be comparably

**The wines will be tasted blind by attendees of the event and rated as to their preference.**

priced and from the same grape varietal. The wines will be tasted blind by attendees of the event and rated as to their preference. The results will be tabulated by members of the organizing committee and announced on the final day of the Virginia's Incredible Edibles Show.

This year's festival also includes five seminars on the "Basics of Wine." The seminars will be held Friday, 6 to 6:45 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 1:45 p.m., 2 to 2:45 p.m.; 3 to 3:45 p.m., 7 to 7:45 p.m., and 8 to 8:45 p.m. Williams will present seminars on Friday from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Other speakers include Vicki Dickerson of Westside Wine Shop, Barbara Payton of Virginia Wine Marketing and Arden Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer's Books, Cards and Fine Wines.

A limited number of tickets are on sale for \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door (if available). The cost includes a wineglass, canvas shopping bag, food and wine samples, door prizes drawings and wine seminars. Tickets are for one show only. Tickets may be purchased by

phone (393-9933), fax (393-2698) or mail, Ports Events, 355 Crawford Street, Suite 101, Portsmouth, VA 23704.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. MasterCard and Visa are

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This event is sponsored by Infoline, By the Bay, The Max and WJCD Jazz Radio, hosted by the city of Portsmouth and presented by Ports Events.



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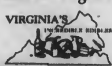
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Saturday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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- March 6-7 Virginia's Incredible Edibles  
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- March 28 Crawford Bay Crew Classic  
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- May 2-3 Portside Boat Show  
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# PORTSMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY



## Rite Aid Opens Downtown

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority is pleased to announce the opening of a new Rite Aid Drug Store located on the corner of London Boulevard and Elm Avenue in downtown Portsmouth. As part of an ongoing, multi-million dollar investment in Portsmouth, Rite Aid opened this new location in early September, 1997.

This 11,000-square foot store replaces the smaller Rite Aid Drug Store that operated in the London Plaza Shopping Center. Rite Aid has invested more than \$1 million to develop this site and will provide approximately \$13,600 in real estate taxes, approximately \$3 million in annual sales, and employment opportunities for the Portsmouth citizenry.



## Way Back Yonder Antiques

Way Back Yonder Antiques is located at 620 High Street. Way Back Yonder is owned by Kenneth R. Woolard and Edwin R. Forlines Jr. They were so impressed with the revitalization of the 600 block of High Street that Woolard and Forlines decided to acquire the property from PRHA.

The business philosophy used by the partners is to offer authentic, well-researched

antique and collectible items to the buying public at reasonable prices. Inventory is of a general nature with emphasis on 19th- and early 20th-century furniture, decorative arts, ceramics and glass.

Way Back Yonder is investing approximately \$150,000 to renovate the 4,700-square-foot storefront.



## Comfort Inn Hotel

The Comfort Inn Hotel under construction at 700 North Street (northeast corner of North and Effingham Streets) is near completion.

The 42,776-square-foot (.982 acre) site was previously the location of the City Social

Services Building.

The 62-unit hotel will provide approximately 15 jobs. The developer, KGS Properties, Inc., has invested \$2.15 million to this site and will render approximately 478,000 in annual taxes.



## Pfeiffer's Books, Cards and Fine Wines

Pfeiffer's Books, Cards and Fine Wines is located at 606 High Street. This business is one of the cornerstones to the Historic Olde Towne Devonshire Square. Pfeiffer's was previously located at 434 High Street.

PRHA sold the new location to Arden and

Patricia Pfeiffer in November, 1997. Their new location will provide additional space for the Sunflower Cafe and a courtyard. The Sunflower Cafe will serve lite fare, ice cream concoctions, fine wines (on/off) and micro beers by the glass.

## SEVAC Corporation

SEVAC Corporation's new office facility is located at 2930 High Street (corner of Douglas Avenue and High Street).

PRHA acquired this property for \$77,200 in state tax credits under the Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program. After acquiring the property, PRHA sold the building and the land to SEVAC.

SEVAC Corporation is a commercial general contractor with extensive experience constructing projects such as restaurants, churches, shopping centers, service stations, office/medical buildings, industrial projects and various other types of private and government projects throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Additionally, SEVAC Corporation provides Design/Build and Construction Management Services. The building was previously occupied by Life Federal Savings and Loan.

SEVAC's renovation cost of this 3,680-square-foot building was approximately \$150,000.

## Food Lion Coming

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority is working in conjunction with Armada/Hoffler Holding Company to develop a 46,000-square-foot shopping center featuring a nationally-known grocery store.

In keeping with the flavor of Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth, the center will be called the Olde Towne Market Place. Conveniently located in the downtown Portsmouth district and directly across the street from the new I.C. Norcom High School, this development will utilize approximately four acres. The Authority is responsible for conveying land necessary for the successful development of the project.

Food Lion has committed to lease 33,000-square-feet of this center for their full-service grocery store complete with a deli and bakery. Additionally, the center will contain approximately 13,000-square-feet of local/retail space. A completion date is set for late July. A grand opening is expected sometime in late October or early November.

## HOPE VI Revitalization Effort

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently awarded the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority a \$24.8 million HOPE VI grant to revitalize Ida Barbour, Portsmouth's largest public housing park. About 125 cities applied for a portion of the \$447 million HOPE VI appropriation in 1997. Portsmouth was one of the 26 cities selected. In addition to the HOPE VI funds, the Authority will leverage in another \$34 million to complete this project.

The goal of the revitalization is to transform this poor and crime-stricken public housing neighborhood into a safe community of new housing to be occupied by the original self-sufficient residents, as well as by a new influx of diverse families with a wide range of incomes.

With the assistance of the NOAH Group, a national training and motivational firm, the PRHA offers a Self-Sufficiency Program to provide education, job training and job-placement assistance to current Ida Barbour residents.